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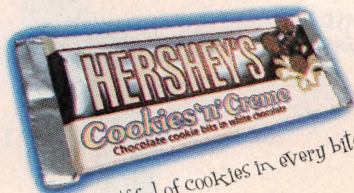


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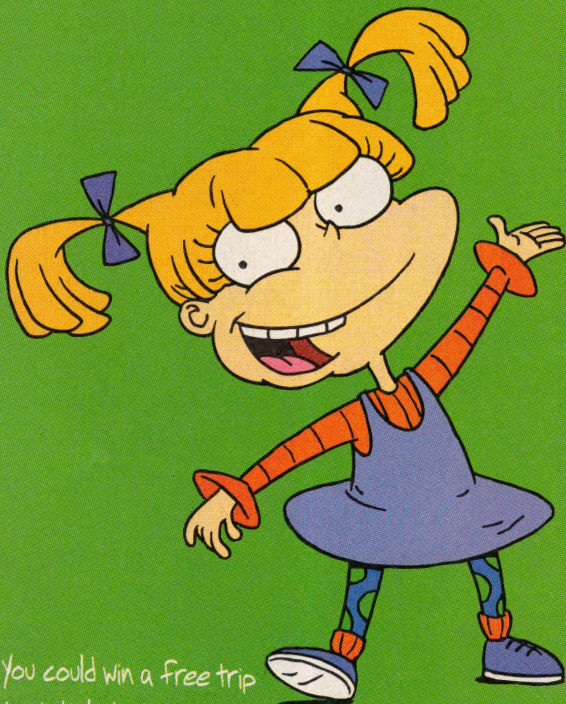


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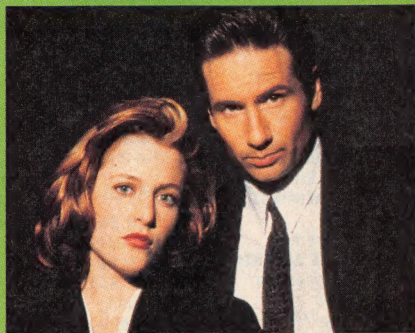


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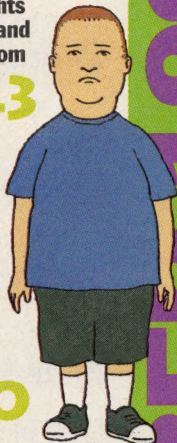
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Nutty by Nature

The pet therapy business must be booming. Readers who took the D.A. Quiz: Is Your Pet Nuts? (June 1, 1997) wrote to tell us about their weirdo animal pals. We're curious to know—does anyone have a normal pet?

Three of my pets are nuts. The quiz said a cat was nutty if it curled up with a good book at bedtime. My brother puts his books on a loveseat, and our cat, Abigale, lays down on them and goes to sleep. You said a hamster was nutty if weight lifting was its favorite pastime. I caught my hamster, Boogie, lifting his plastic stairs. Under the bird category, the quiz listed burping or rapping as nutty behavior. My bird, Harly, burps a lot—but I already knew he was nuts.

Rose-Anne Rainey, 9
Armuchee, Georgia



On the question about bedtime, the quiz says if your cat curls up with a good book, it's nutty. Well, my cat curls up *on* a good book. Is that considered nutty?

Collin Krejci, 12
Victoria, Texas

Editor's note: Your cat is nutty only if it absorbs the book's information and tells you about it!





I realized there were no questions for a turtle, so I made up some:

Chowtime:

- ☐ **Normal:** Eats slowly and steadily.
- ☐ **Nutty:** Ties on a bib and pulls out a fork and knife.

Playtime:

- ☐ **Normal:** Swims around his aquarium.
- ☐ **Nutty:** Does the backstroke in his aquarium.

Bedtime:

- ☐ **Normal:** Sits on his favorite rock without moving.
- ☐ **Nutty:** Sits on a water mattress without moving.

Favorite Pastime:

- ☐ **Normal:** Resting in the light of his heat lamp.
- ☐ **Nutty:** Putting on shades and tanning under the heat lamp.

Mike Kendrick, 11
Drumheller, Alberta, Canada

The Force Is With...Indy!

After watching the *Star Wars* movies and looking for the bloopers you pointed out (April 1997), I watched another Lucasfilm production, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, and saw an inside joke. When Indy is outside the club, look at the club's name: It's called "Club Obi-Wan." It's named after Obi-Wan Kenobi, Luke's teacher in *Star Wars*.

Juan Benitez, 13
Santa Ana, California



Write to Us! We want to know what you think of this issue. Tell us what you've been doing lately, or write about this month's topic: Have you ever been in a school play? Tell us all about it—from your most embarrassing moment to your most uncomfortable outfit. (Better yet, send us a photo!)

Send letters, along with your name, birth date, address and telephone number, to Mailbox/DISNEY ADVENTURES, P.O. Box 861, New York, NY 10113-0861. **Your letter must be sent with the signed release form on page 82 in order for us to consider it for publication.** All materials sent become the property of DISNEY ADVENTURES, and all rights thereto are transferred to DISNEY ADVENTURES. They may be used without compensation or acknowledgment and cannot be returned.

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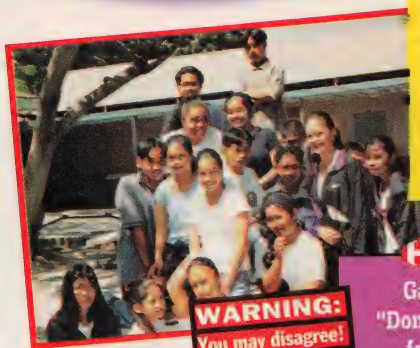
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Rugrats

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HOT LIST

Each month, a different class reports on what's in and out. This month's judging panel: Ms. Sanders's eighth-grade student government class at **Carnegie Middle School**, Carson, California.

HOT

Garbage
"Don't Speak"
football
"Whatever"

NOT

Spice Girls
"Gangsta's Paradise"
soccer
"Dude"

Veggies in Disguise

C'mon, vegetables don't taste that bad—unless they're seasoned with flavors like bubble gum or toffee apple. Kids in England hate eating greens so much that their diets are a national concern. To improve eating habits, one food maker has added kid-friendly sauces to frozen veggies. Tasty bites include cheese-and-onion-flavored cauliflower, pizza-flavored sweet corn and chocolate-flavored carrots. We know what you're thinking: Pass the brussel sprouts, please.



D.A. Slang

Butter. Nice. "It's totally butter of Ms. Walker to cancel the test—permanently."

Fade. To tune out. "Jeff fades every time I ask him when he wants to start working on our science project."

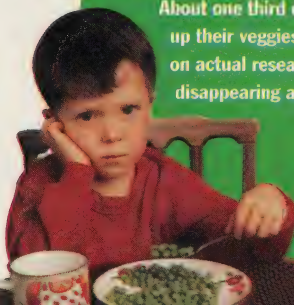
Too Cute. In style. "Jen's green nail polish with the gold tint is too cute."

Give Peas a Chance

About one third of American kids ages 7-12 love to scoop up their veggies—without actually eating them. Based on actual research, a food company has ranked the top disappearing acts in order of popularity.

1. Hide them in a napkin.
2. Feed them to the dog.
3. Hide them under other food on the plate.
4. Drop them on the floor.

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D.A.'s Cool School Contest

Is your school really da bomb? If it reeks of cool, our staff wants to know! To enter D.A.'s Cool School Contest, write the name of your school (include city and state) on a separate sheet of paper and list one or more reasons why your school rules in each of the categories below. For example, in the Principal category, tell us your principal's name and explain why he/she is so incredible. Sign the release form (on page 82) and send it and your entry to us by October 1, 1997. We'll choose a winning school from each state and each province in Canada, and then pick one Grand Prize Winner as the Coolest School in North America. Your school could appear in a future issue of D.A.!

Tell us what's cool about your:

School People

Principal
Teacher
Coach
Nurse
Lunch Lady
Office Secretary

Extracurricular

School Play
Band
Sports Teams
Yearbook
Newspaper
Lunch
Recess
Volunteer Programs

Classes


Fun Assignments
Field Trips

School Spirit

Theme Days (like
Hat and Sock Day)
Famous Alumni
School's Claim
to Fame
School Parties
and Dances
Fundraising Events

See rules on page 82



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sunday		monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
 <p>Happy 46th B-day to Julie Kavner, "voice of Marge on 'The Simpsons.'"</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Great Badtub Race in Nome, AK</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Speed-ditcher Keanu Reeves turns 33.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>It's Save the Tiger Month.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1964: Beatles-style haircuts banned in Indonesia.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Camel and Ostrich Chariot Races in Virginia City, NV</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Civil War Reenactment in Bedford, PA</p>
	<p>8</p> <p>Jonathan Taylor Thomas turns Sweet 16.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Wish Tommy Lee Jones an alien-free 51st B-day.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Full moon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pumpkin Festival in Morton, IL</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Chinese Moon Festival in Los Angeles, CA</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Watch <i>Chueless</i> to celebrate going back to school.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>National Dog Week</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Fall begins at 6:56 p.m., EST.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>First episode of "The X-Files" appeared in 1993.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1983: Kiss makes its first public appearance <i>without</i> makeup.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>National Student Day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Big Whopper Liar's Contest in New Harmony, IN</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Buffalo Wallow Chili Cookoff in Custer, SD</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Roose Day in Lewistown, PA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Tennis pro Martina Hingis turns 17; Lance Chabert ("Party of Five") turns 13.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1992: Cleveland Indian Kenny Lofton sets a rookie record by stealing his 62nd base.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Man in Black Will Smith turns 29.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Alligator Festival in Boutte, LA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Okra-eating contest in Irmo, SC</p>



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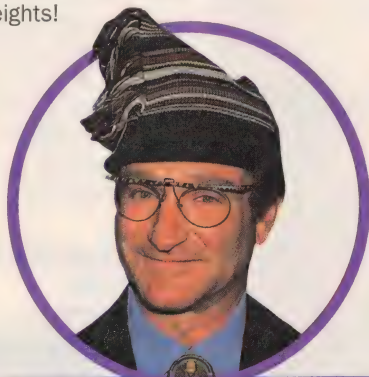
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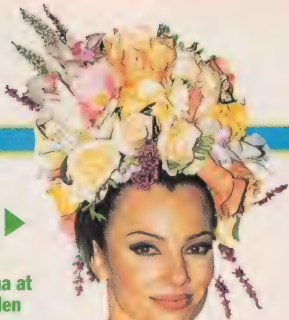
OnTheScene Mad Hatters

Forget boring baseball caps—these celebs take wacky headgear to new heights!



Robin Williams: Funny man, funny hat.

"The Nanny," Fran Drescher, looked like Chiquita Banana at last year's Golden Globe Awards.



No, Shaq doesn't normally dress this dorky! He's filming a commercial.

Sting goes West in this green, 10-gallon getup. Quick—call the fashion police!



Rosie O'Donnell popped up at a bookstore to sign copies of her book, *Kidz Are Punny: Jokes Sent by Kids to the Rosie O'Donnell Show*.

Former "Baywatch" lifeguard Pamela Lee turned heads with her top-heavy hat at the American Music Awards.



Ticket

Ghostly Guy

He's baaack! Casper the Friendly Ghost returns from the great beyond September 9 in *Casper, A Spirited Beginning*, the direct-to-video prequel to *Casper*. Brendon Ryan Barrett, 11, plays "Creepy" Chris Carson, the lonely kid who introduces Casper to the Ghostly Trio of Stretch, Stinkie and Fatso. D.A. visited Brendon on the set for a "spirited" chat.

Describe Chris.

"He has a great imagination and likes talking to ghosts. But nobody believes he sees them."

Is it hard doing scenes with the computer-generated ghosts?

"No, it's kinda fun. Someone marks an X on cardboard where the ghost's eyes will be so I know where to look."



Casper returns!

Do you believe in ghosts in real life?

Sometimes I feel them when I walk into a room, but I say, 'Leave me alone!' I get really freaky about it."

—Kim Lockhart

Brendon's Faves

TV Show:

"The X-Files"

Movie: *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*

Ghostly Trio member:

Stinkie—he talks funny and smells really bad."



Brendon (right) and movie dad Steve Guttenberg.

New Releases

In Theaters

Masterminds

(August 22)

Ozzie Paxton, a 16-year-old computer hacker has never met a code he couldn't crack. So when a vengeful security expert (Patrick Stewart of "Star Trek") takes hostages, it's up to Ozzie to stop him!

In Video Stores

That Darn Cat

(available now)



Christina Ricci and D.C.

Tiger Woods: Son, Hero & Champion

(available now)

Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition

(August 26)

Mary Poppins Collector's Edition

(August 26)

In Music Stores

Want your summer fun to last all fall? Then check out some sizzlin' sound tracks from the summer's biggest movies, in stores now.

Batman & Robin—This sound track contains two cuts by Smashing Pumpkins (both written by singer and Batman fan Billy Corgan), plus songs by Jewel, R. Kelly, Goo Goo Dolls and Bone Thugs-N-Harmony.



Men in Black—Alien-buster Will Smith wrote and rapped two tunes on this sound track, including the title song. Performances by D'Angelo and Nas help blast *Men in Black* out of this world.

Speed 2: Cruise Control

The thrill ride continues with an album packed with funky island beats, including original tracks by UB40, Tamia and Mr. Boombastic himself, Shaggy.

Steel—Shaq shows off his musical talent on this album, along with Tevin Campbell and Blackstreet.

Wild America—This mix of catchy '60s hits includes "Born to Be Wild" and "Magic Carpet Ride."

In Bookstores

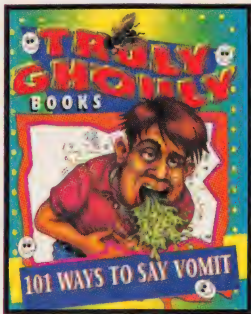
Stuff You Won't Learn in School

The Knight's Handbook: How to Become a Champion in Shining Armor, by Christopher Gravett

Make helmets and board games. Create a castle for your hamster. Then learn how knights fight.

101 Ways to Say Vomit, by Christine Becker and Artie Bennet

This instructional guide also includes tidbits about each barfish phrase. D.A.'s fave way to say vomit: "Spiff your biscuits."



NameDropping

Gossip, Gossip, Gossip

Get ready for the Rosie O'Doll! **Rosie O'Donnell**, the popular talk show host who helped turn Tickle Me Elmo into last Christmas' must-have gift, is being made into a doll. Due out this holiday season, the Rosie



Rosie O'Donnell

O'Doll laughs and says four things: "What a cutie petutie"; "Rock on, little one"; "Come on, gimme a kiss"; and "Dreams come true." But the Rosie O'Doll doesn't say anything about Rosie's crush, Tom Cruise, probably because she talks enough about him on her show. Didja know—Rosie mentioned Tom's name 2,017 times during her talk show's first year! Of course,

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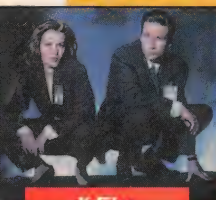
that was in between the 574 songs she sang....And speaking of singing, **Glenn Close** (Cruella De Vil) and her



Glenn Close

daughter Annie went whale watching recently. With no whales in sight,

Glenn started singing "Amazing Grace"—amazingly, a 40-foot whale and her calf swam right up to their boat!... Attention, X-Philes! **"The X-Files"** now airs on cable.



X-Files

Catch the show on FX every Tuesday through Friday. Once the

World Series champs are crowned, you can watch Fox Mulder and Dana Scully on Mondays, too.

Ask Liz

Dear Liz:

Is Nicholas Cage going to play Superman in *Superman Reborn*?

Gene Williams, 13,
West Covina, California

Dear Gene:

"It's a bird...it's a plane...it's another Superman movie!" Nicholas Cage begins filming his role as the man in tights this October. Rumor has it Jim Carrey is heading for the role of Brainiac. The fifth Superman movie, directed by Tim Burton, flies into theaters next summer.

Dear Liz:

Can you give me *Star Wars* director George Lucas's address? I'm one of his numero uno fans. Thanks a ton.

Lucas Hoeffel, 10,
New York, New York

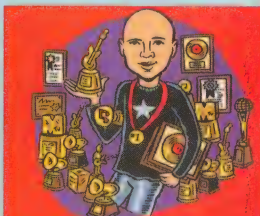
Dear Lucas:

So, were you named after the awesome director?



Send your letters to: George Lucas, LucasFilm, P.O. Box 2009, San Rafael, CA 94912.

Send your entertainment questions to: Ask Liz/Disney Adventures, 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521-6153. And if you want me to print your question, fill out the form on page 82 and send it with your letter. Thanks!



Mouthin' Off

"For a 6-foot-3 guy with no hair and a whiny voice, I've done all right."

—Eliy Cogan
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D.A. sat in on a live chat with Jodie Sweetin ("Full House"), Andrew Keegan (*Independence Day*), Danielle Fishel ("Boy Meets World") and Michael Galeota ("Bailey Kipper's P.O.V."). They gave us the scoop on close encounters of the cyberspace kind.

	Do you own a computer?	What is the coolest part of your site?	What is the weirdest question you've been asked on-line?
 <p>Jodie Sweetin</p>	<p>"Yes. I can chat whenever I feel like it."</p>	<p>"The fashion puzzle. You have to put different outfits together in a certain amount of time."</p>	<p>"What kind of shampoo do you use?" One girl asks that every time I chat!"</p>
 <p>Andrew Keegan</p>	<p>"Not yet, but I'm getting one!"</p>	<p>"The fashion puzzle. It's a lot of fun—Jodie and I race each other."</p>	<p>"They ask a lot of the same things—my favorite color and food. But some kids ask my opinion on politics."</p>
 <p>Danielle Fishel</p>	<p>"I have a laptop and a desktop."</p>	<p>"The pictures. My mom sends pictures, then I see them on-line and I'm like, 'She sent <i>that</i> one in!'"</p>	<p>"Do you know Ben Savage and Rider Strong? I've only worked with them for four years!"</p>
 <p>Michael Galeota</p>	<p>"I have a Macintosh."</p>	<p>"The games and puzzles."</p>	<p>"What did you have for breakfast exactly three and a half months ago?"</p>

The Spooky Truth

Cover-ups, conspiracies and the cold, hard truth. "The X-Files" has it all, and then some. But figuring out what it all means isn't easy. Join us on a search for the truth as we explore theories about agent Mulder's apparent death and interrogate Cancer Man. We'll also explore some real-life X-Files cases and join Timon and Pumbaa in a one-of-a-kind comic. Let's get spooky!



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Section by Sheila De la Rosa, Kim Lockhart, Liz Smith and Karen Stillman

Is Mulder R

Last season, "The X-Files" ended with agent Fox Mulder's apparent suicide. His partner, Dana Scully, identified the body. But can the show's co-star really be dead? We asked "X-Files" expert Jerry Jones, who runs "The X-Files Forum" on America Online, to sift through the clues and evaluate some of the theories buzzing about. Some make more sense than others, but they're all way-out weird!

THEORY: Mulder is dead. He won't be back next season. Get over it.

X-PERT OPINION: "Nope—David Duchovny has two more years on his contract," says Jerry.

THEORY: Mulder is dead, but he will return next season—in flashbacks. We won't discover what really happened until the

"X-Files" movie hits theaters in the summer of '98.

X-PERT OPINION: "This is unlikely. It would be kinda hard to continue with more episodes and a movie if one of your two main characters exists only in flashbacks."

THEORY: Mulder is not dead. He dreamed the whole episode while recovering from a nasty memory treatment that may have included drilling a hole into his skull (Episode 96).

X-PERT OPINION: "This is a little hokey, although it does fit in with the show's 'Don't believe everything you see' warning."

THEORY: Mulder is dead, but those oil aliens (the black cancer) that were implanted in his body in Russia (Episodes 80, 81) may have the ability to bring him back from the dead.

X-PERT OPINION: "We know the oil aliens can keep people alive, but we've never seen them actually bring anyone back from the dead."

eally Dead?



Mulder has found himself in some tight situations before—and lived for another episode.

THEORY: Mulder is not dead. Cancer Man (or perhaps Mulder's mystery contact at the United Nations) kidnapped him and faked his death. Who knows why? (Who knows why Cancer Man does anything?)

X-PERT OPINION: "He could've kidnapped Mulder a long time ago and saved himself a lot of trouble!" says Jerry.

THEORY: Mulder is dead, but Cancer Man will bring him back to life. Cancer Man knows the cure for Scully's cancer, and he had a hand in healing Mulder's mom after she had her stroke (Episode 73). So why can't he bring people back to life, too?

X-PERT OPINION: "It's possible. Cancer Man has

claimed to cure diseases, but this is still a little less believable than some of the other theories."

THEORY: Knowing his life was constantly in danger, Mulder had the Lone Gunmen (or aliens?) manufacture a clone to carry on his work if he ever disappeared. So Mulder is dead, but his clone will return. Or, was the Mulder we know from the last four seasons actually the clone?

X-PERT OPINION: "We know clones exist on this show."

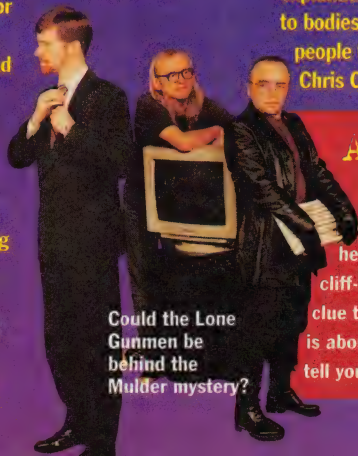
THEORY: Mulder is not dead. Mulder and Scully faked his death to fool the government. They took another body, put it in Mulder's apartment and then Scully lied when identifying the body. Now Mulder is free to investigate without governmental interference.

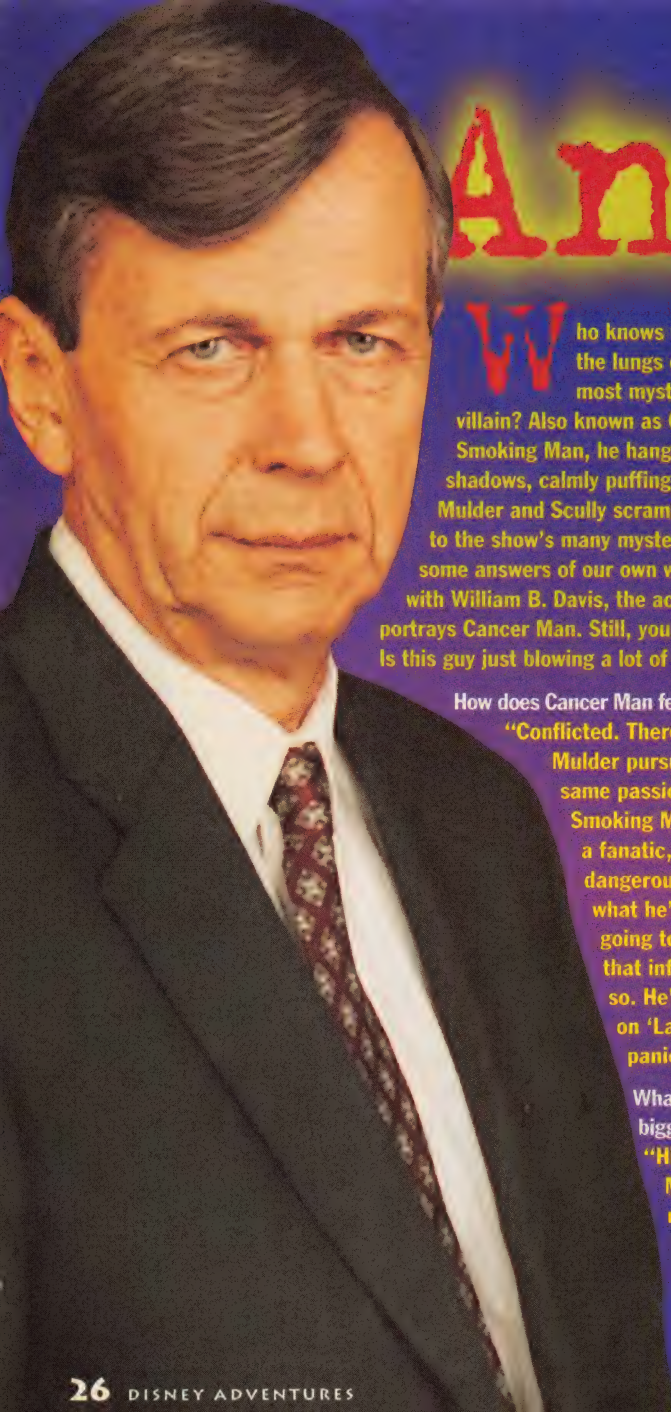
X-PERT OPINION: "It seems to fit the facts of the episode and doesn't require paranormal explanation. Scully and Mulder have access to bodies, and Mulder needed to get the people tracing him off his back. But with Chris Carter, you never know..."

A Clue From Chris

Chris Carter, creator of "The X-Files," isn't about to reveal how he plans to resolve last season's cliff-hanger. However, he offers one clue to the Mulder mystery: "The episode is about a hoax, and that should tell you something." Does it?

Could the Lone Gunmen be behind the Mulder mystery?





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ho knows what evil lurks in the lungs of Cancer Man, the most mysterious "X-Files"

villain? Also known as Cigarette Smoking Man, he hangs out in the shadows, calmly puffing away as agents Mulder and Scully scramble for answers to the show's many mysteries. We got some answers of our own when we caught up with William B. Davis, the actor who portrays Cancer Man. Still, you gotta wonder: Is this guy just blowing a lot of smoke?

How does Cancer Man feel about Mulder?

"Conflicted. There's respect because Mulder pursues his goals with the same passion that Cigarette Smoking Man does. But Mulder is a fanatic, and fanatics can be dangerous. If Mulder does find what he's looking for, is he going to act responsibly with that information? I don't think so. He's probably going to go on 'Larry King Live' and panic everybody!"

What's Cancer Man's biggest secret?

"His relationship to Mulder, whatever that may be. We know that he's known Mulder since he was a child. And that he's had a relationship with

er Man

Mulder's mother. I think he still loves Mrs. Mulder. There's even a rumor going around that he's Mulder's father."

Is he?

"I don't know!"

How does he feel about Scully?

"Betrayed. We hired Scully to keep an eye on Mulder. We assumed that her hard-nosed, scientific mind would reduce his effectiveness, but she seems to have gone over to his side."

What's the Cigarette Smoking Man's biggest ambition in life?

"That the Project [apparently a mysterious, secret scheme to create a super race of human-alien hybrids] should succeed."

What's his main drive in life?

"To save the planet."

Nothing too large?

"That's right!"

What's the hardest aspect of his job?

"The loneliness. He's beyond caring about the physical fear. And, of course, he has a terrible time getting good help. A lot of times, his top marksman misses his shot!"

Does he have a private life?

"The nature of his life and the nature of how he's committed his life keep him from having normal relationships with people."

Does he at least have a dog or cat?

"I don't think so."

What does Cigarette Smoking Man do for fun?

"Fun? Fun?"

Yeah, f-u-n!

"He water-skis." [In real life, Davis holds the title of Canadian National Waterskiing Champion in the 55 to 65 age category.]



Last season revealed Cancer Man's role in a wicked conspiracy that has controlled many historic events, from Super Bowls to the Academy Awards to elections!



Four Real

Listen up, "X-Files" agents Dana Scully and Fox Mulder. Sure, you're all over TV solving mysterious—but made up—cases. We've got a challenge for you: four real-life cases that are beyond strange but supposedly true. So far, no one has solved them. Give them a try—we dare ya!

An Electric Personality

Ever hear someone described as a "live wire"? In the case of one 19-year-old Bavarian woman, the name was no joke. The woman, who worked in a law office in 1967, had a special way of showing how much she hated her job. When she was at work, lightbulbs shattered and telephones rang for no reason. Lamps swung by themselves—so hard they crashed into the ceiling and broke the plaster. And paintings on the walls twirled round and round. One day, office furniture started moving by itself and desk drawers began opening and closing on their own. Co-workers even started getting electric shocks. When the woman was fired, the office went back to normal.

But nobody could ever explain what had happened. Mulder, can you?



When faces like this appear on your floor, who ya gonna call?

About Face

Imagine going into your kitchen one day and seeing a ghost in the floor. That may have been what happened to a Spanish farmer's wife. One day in 1771, she saw a strange mark on her kitchen floor. Gradually, it began to look like a suffering face. Local authorities replaced that part of the stone floor—but a new face appeared! Investigators took over the kitchen and covered the floor with foil, but more faces formed beneath the foil. It was discovered that the house stood on the site of an old cemetery where five 17th-century murder victims were said to have been buried. The couple decided to use another room for cooking, but faces began appearing in the new kitchen, too. Eventually, the outbreak disappeared as inexplicably as it had begun.

A Hole in Time?

One day more than 60 years ago, a 12-year-old Canadian boy named Michael woke up, ate breakfast, rushed out to his family's barn to milk cows—and disappeared. A bloodhound traced his scent to the middle of a pasture, then stopped in its tracks. The scent was gone. A few nights later, Michael's parents began hearing Michael call "Mum" and then, "Mum, where are you?" They searched and searched, but still there was no sign of

X-Files

Michael. For weeks people heard Michael's faint voice calling out until, finally, it faded away. Was Michael caught in a time warp? Did he fall into some sort of alternate universe? Is he still out there, somewhere, waiting for someone to bring him home?

V Is for Visitors?

Are you a skeptic? (Scully, are you listening?) If so, you might want to check out this bizarre case. On March 13, 1997, a mysterious V-shaped object flew slowly south over the skies of Arizona. Hundreds of people in the area between Prescott and Tempe saw it, and dozens videotaped the huge (more than a mile long!) silent craft. The Mutual UFO Network declared this sighting a real UFO. But a nearby air force base dismissed calls about the event, saying the government no longer investigates UFOs. However, a truck driver working near that base saw three F-16 fighter jets take off and head straight for the object, which then shot up into the sky and disappeared. Arizona's governor declared that an investigation would

This strange UFO lit up the skies over Arizona last March.



proceed. Then he changed his mind. Why? Was this object from another planet? Was it a top-secret aircraft? Is Cancer Man involved? ●



THE D.A. DARE

Can Mulder and Scully solve these real-life X-Files?

Tales Come True

BEFFFFF!

We interrupt this fun-filled D.A. page with the following exclusive report — **THE TOOTH FAIRY** says, "For strong and healthy teeth, drink milk!" We now return to our regular D.A. feature.

Breakfast Word JUMBLE

How many words can you make using the letters contained in the word

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We found 25 words with three or more letters. See how many you can find! (Plural words are not counted.)

Answers: Break, Break, fast, break, safe, best, star, rat, sat, bat, fat, tar, set, bet, bar, far, are, rake, bake, fake, bark, eat, tea, rest, task, beat

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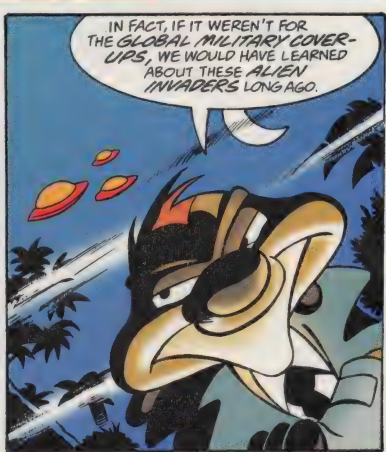
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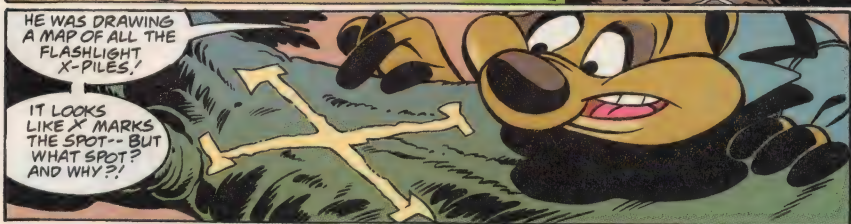
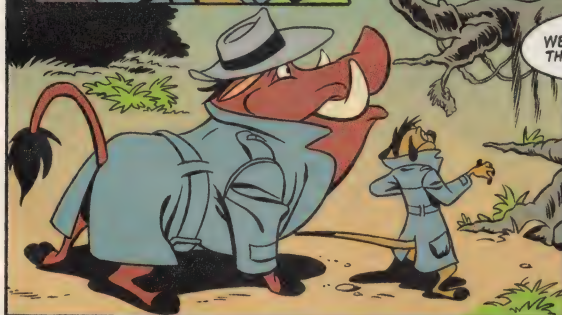
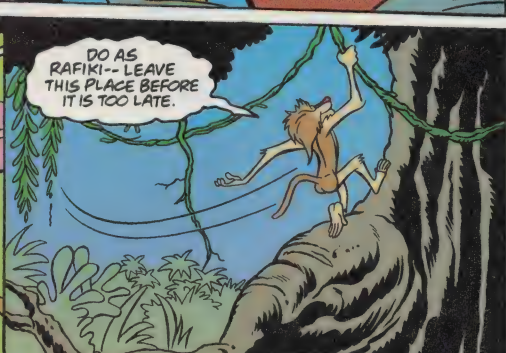
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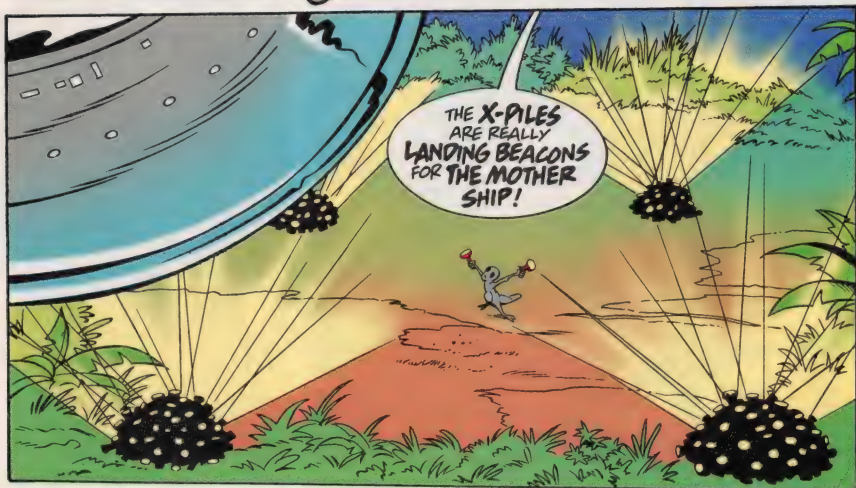
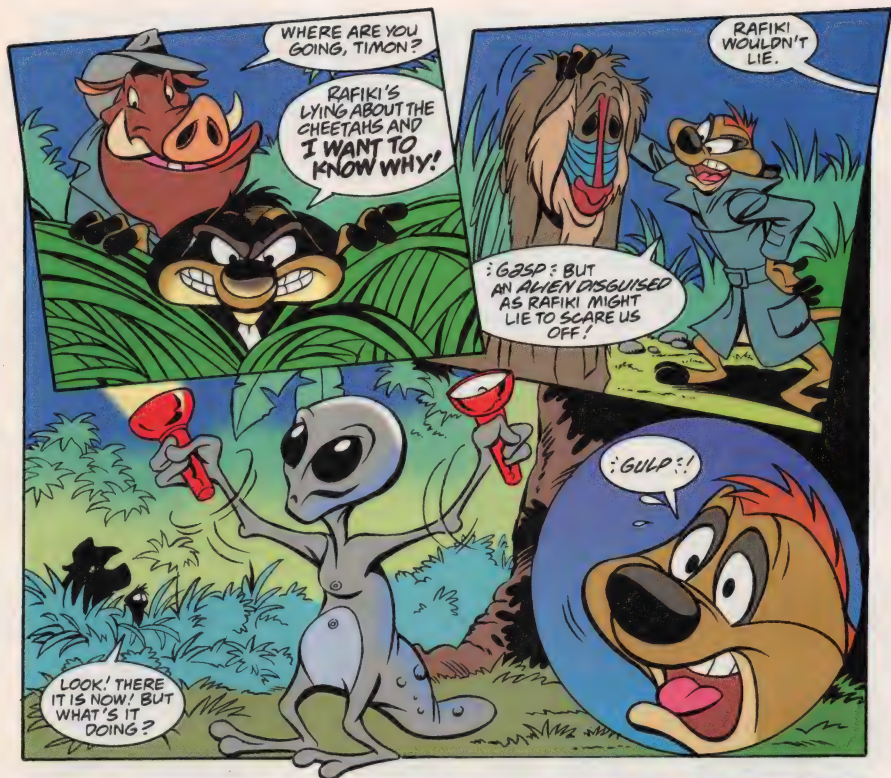
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Kevin The Conquer

By Liz Smith

Move over, Arnold. There's a new musclemen in town by the name of Kevin Sorbo. And he packs a mighty punch by playing two warriors at once: Hercules and Kull The Conqueror.

As Hercules, Kevin Sorbo wanders mythological lands fighting strange monsters and greedy gods every Saturday on TV's "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys."

Now, the 6-foot-3, 215-pound actor stars in a new movie, *Kull The Conqueror* (in theaters August 29), made by the same people who did *Conan the Barbarian* (which starred Arnold Schwarzenegger). Raised by wolves and forced into slavery, Kull rises to become a king. Of course, some folks aren't happy about this and try to kill him.

Calling from New Zealand (where "Hercules" is filmed), the Minnesota native set us straight on the two warriors in his life.

Kevin on Hercules

Were you into mythology as a kid?

"I loved mythology and I found it fascinating when I was in junior high school. Now I'm getting tons of letters from teachers across the country saying, 'Hey, you're an hourly subject once a week in our school!'"

Hercules and Kull are both heroes with long hair—which one are you most like?

"Hercules. I bring a lot of myself to the character, but he's a lot braver than I am. If there's a fight, I'll go the other way. I've had guys try to get tough with me, and I just say, 'It's a TV show, pal. Relax.'"



Kull (above) and Hercules (at right) are both long-haired heroes, but the similarity ends there. "Hercules is always tongue in cheek," says Kevin. "Kull is more dramatic, more intense."



Or

**Who's got the cooler costume—
Hercules or Kull?**

"Kull. One outfit has stretch pants underneath these sort of early riding pants—they're cool-looking. It's something like The Artist [Formerly Known As Prince] would wear."

How do they compare with Herc's pants?

"Herc's leather pants with the boots weigh 12 pounds! When I do my running, fighting and kicking, it's totally exhausting. I could probably get my kicks another foot higher! [laughs] It's frustrating. It's like jumping into a big ol' thing of water

with your jeans
and tennis
shoes on and
trying to run
around."



Kevin says Herc is much braver than he is. With a sword like this, who wouldn't be?



Herc and Xena team up in "Hercules and Xena—The Animated Movie: Battle for Mount Olympus" coming on video in October.

We heard they built special boots for your Hercules outfit—is that true?

"Yeah, I complained the first two years because I was running around in, basically, slippers. There was no support in the boots, my feet were flattening out and I lost an inch in height! [joking] Finally, we built the boots around a pair of sneakers."

What can "Hercules" fans look forward to in the new season?

"In one episode we have Harpies—really nasty creatures that fly around causing problems. They're in an episode called 'Beanstalks and Bad Eggs' where Hercules climbs up a beanstalk to a castle. And the three Harpies are like the Three Stooges—totally goofball."

Of all the monsters you've battled, who's your favorite?

"We did five Hercules TV movies before the series launched, and in the second one, there was a 200-foot sea serpent. It swallowed me and Renee O'Connor [Gabrielle on 'Xena']. That monster was very cool. We slid down this really long esophagus—it was like a wet 'n' wild water park ride. We landed in the creature's stomach, and crawled through all this goo...bleah! I was covered from



Kull and his evil counterpart Taligaro (Thomas Ian Griffith)

head to toe in Jell-O! Then I squeezed his heart to death and swam out of his mouth. It was a kick."

Kevin on Kull

Did you do special training for Kull?

"Jerry Poteet [an original student of martial arts wonder Bruce Lee] spent three months in New Zealand working with me. We worked out one or two hours a day, six days a week, with axes, knives, swords and double swords. I did all my own fight scenes from top to bottom."

Did you have a favorite weapon in Kull?

"Oh, the ax! That's my main weapon. I'd never fought with an ax before,

and it's amazing the things we were able to do: the different spins and figure eights. You're like a barbarian majorette!"

What was the most intense scene you filmed for the movie?

"The opening fight sequence against some bad guys is quite big. Not only am I working the ax but I'm blindfolded and up to my knees in water. We have swords that were dipped in tar and they're lit afire. It's a fight of wits and skill—you must listen for the sound of the flame or water. It was a pretty cool fight. I got sick as a dog after that. We shot for four nights outside. And I was frozen! But, hey, as long as it looks good!"

If Kull had to fight Conan, who would win?

"I gotta give it to Kull. Conan is the offspring of Kull, so in a sense, Arnold is my son! [laughs] And he should let Dad win, even if he could kick my butt!"

And if Hercules and Xena battled?

"Oh, Hercules would win, no problem. She's a mortal woman. Hercules is the strongest person in the world."

And what if you and Lucy Lawless [Xena] climbed into the ring?

"Lucy would probably kick my butt!"

You think so?

[big laugh, obviously joking] "No, not really, I don't think so! I say that just to cover myself with the producers.

Xena is a very great warrior. But one on one, against me, I don't think Lucy stands a chance!" ■



Lucy Lawless as Xena

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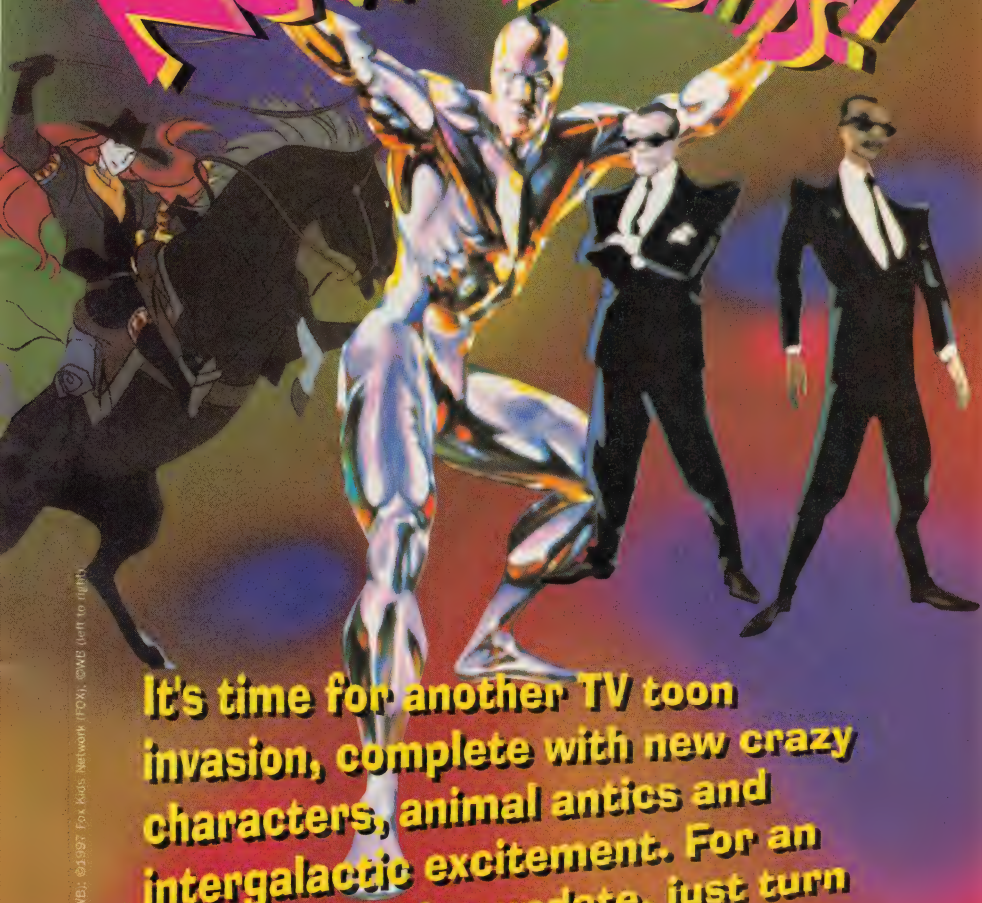
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It's time for another TV toon invasion, complete with new crazy characters, animal antics and intergalactic excitement. For an animated action update, just turn the page.

By Kim Lockhart

Alien Encounter

Renters beware! In "Home to Rent," five peculiar space aliens hide out in the attic of an empty house to avoid becoming lab specimens. But when unwelcome tenants move in, the little green (and blue and orange and purple) men take action...and their poor peaceful home will never be the same.

Here's the 411 on the sneaky-silly "Home to Rent" monster pack:

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on FOX

Stereo has two heads, which are constantly arguing.

Bud's life consists of television, soda and more television (take a look at those boggled, bloodshot eyes).

Gorgious lives to eat, which explains the size of his stomach.

Candy is a cleaning machine, fusses over everything and speaks his mind.

Etno, the group leader and smartest alien, owns a dictionary on humans.

Toon Time!

Check out these other cartoons
invading your TV this fall.

The Show: "Channel Umptee-3"



The 411: A television-loving trio—Ogden and Holey Moley (two ostriches) and Sheldon S. Cargo (a snail)—use their pirate TV station to show viewers the world's magic.

Movin' Movin' Movin': The control room is in Sheldon's shell, which comes in handy on the run.

When: Saturdays at 8 a.m. EST on Kids' WB!

The Show: "Cow & Chicken"



The 411: A pair of siblings named Cow and Chicken—a 400-pound heifer and a male chicken with an attitude—go to school and get into lots of trouble.

Scientific Silliness: Cow and Chicken have human parents and friends.

When: Tuesdays at 8 p.m. EST and Fridays at 8:30 p.m. EST on Cartoon Network

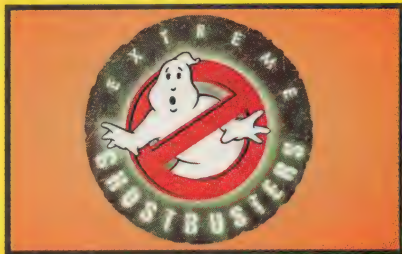
The Show: "Extreme Dinosaurs"

The 411: Four intergalactic, law-enforcing dinosaurs hit the trail of ruthless raptors who want to turn Earth into a resort.

DNA Play: Born as highly evolved humanoids, the Extreme Dinosaurs volunteered to have dino DNA added to their own.

When: Syndicated, see local listings

The Show: "Extreme Ghostbusters"



The 411: Four teenagers save New York from slime-spewing spirits.

Expert Aid: The kids get advice from Egon, a former Ghostbuster, and Janine, who was the Ghostbusters' secretary.

When: Syndicated, see local listings

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Welcome to the Playground

R"ecess" follows a tight group of fourth graders around the playground, where they learn the really important things in life, like why everyone bows to sixth graders and avoids second-grade girls.

Ashley Johnson, 14, provides the voice of brainiac Gretchen Grundler. Here's her scoop:

Describe Gretchen.

"She's the smart nerd of the group. She likes to do experiments and uses her brain to help the others. And she looks so funny—she's got big glasses and two huge front teeth."

Tell us about the other kids.

"P.J., who wears a baseball cap, is the leader. Vince, the cool guy, plays basketball. Spinelli is a tough tomboy. Gus is the geeky new kid, and Mikey is a really big boy who doesn't like violence and recites poetry."

Which one of the kids do you like most?

"Spinelli. She's cool and I love her hair—she wears a beanie ski cap and has pigtails. I'd hang out with her or Vince."

What's the coolest part of the playground?

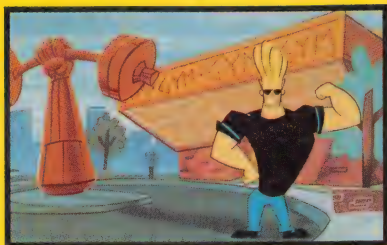
"I like the kindergarten area. The kindergartners are the crazy kids; they have their own tribe, paint their faces and chase you with spears if you go near them."

The gang at "Recess" (left to right): Vince, Spinelli, Mikey, P.J., Gretchen and Gus.



Part of "Disney's One Saturday Morning" block, airing 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. EST on ABC. Featuring "Brand Spanking New Doug," "Recess" and "Pepper Ann," this two-hour block also includes a host, live audience and lots of animated bits squeezed in between the shows.

The Show: "Johnny Bravo"



The 411: Johnny is a biceps-bulging, karate-chopping mama's boy with a big ego and even bigger hair.

TV Trivia: Animator Van Partible named Johnny after Greg Brady's alter ego on "The Brady Bunch."

When: Mondays and Fridays at 8 p.m. EST on Cartoon Network

The Show: "Men in Black: The Series"



The 411: A secret government agency—the Men in Black—keeps the aliens living among us in line.

B-B-Bad Guys: The "Bugs," insectlike aliens, and Buzzard, an intergalactic bounty hunter, don't make the Men in Black's jobs easy.

When: Saturdays at 11 a.m. EST on Kids' WB!

The Show: "Mummies Alive"

The 411: Four Egyptian warriors are brought back to life to protect and serve the reborn spirit of the Pharaoh Rapses—in San Francisco!



Kick Tut! The mummies use the lost martial arts of "Egyptsu" and a solar-powered chariot to fight crime.

When: Syndicated, see local listings

The Show: "Disney's 101 Dalmatians: The Series"

The 411: Roger, Anita, Pongo, Perdy and pups move to the country...right next to Cruella's "Villa De Vil."

Popular Pups and Clucks: Lucky, Rolly, Cadpig and Spot (a chicken) set out to tackle trouble and keep Cruella under control.

When: Saturdays at 8 a.m. EST on ABC

The Show: "Pepper Ann"

The 411: Pepper Ann, a too cool 12-year-old, and her funky friends Nicky and Milo share the scoop on life as a 'tween.

Daydream Rollerblader: Pepper Ann wants to blade across America and invent a VCR



that attaches to your head to record dreams!

When: Part of "Disney's One Saturday Morning"

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Cool Cowgirl

Quick with a whip and even quicker with a smile—that's Calamity Jane. Ride along with her as she searches for truth and justice in the Wild West on "The Legend of Calamity Jane."

Here's what you need to know about TV's wildest heroine:

**Saturdays
at 10 a.m.
EST on
Kids' WB!**



Where'd She Get That Name? Her ma's boss, Lonely Sue, nicknamed her "Calamity" because of all the trouble she finds.

Claim to Fame: Fastest whip in the West!

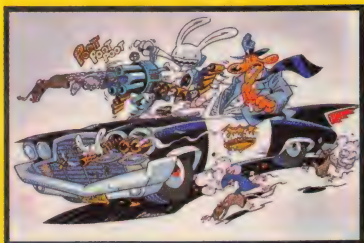
Also Known As: "Little Fire Rock," a Comanche name given to her for her spirit and stubbornness.

Weapons: Jane uses her brain first, her whip second and her gun if nothing else works.

Her Posse: Quannah Parker, a wise Comanche chief and warrior who acts as Jane's big brother; Wild Bill Hickock, a frontiersman, army scout, gambler and sharpshooter (Jane's got a crush on him); John O'Rourke, a young and eager cavalry lieutenant (he's got a crush on Jane); and Joe Presto, a toothless old grouch who serves as Jane's assistant, cook and grumbling gopher.

Her Enemies: Bill Doolin and the Doolin Gang. Bill has escaped from more jails than any outlaw alive and he keeps Jane pretty darn busy.

The Show: "Sam & Max"



The 411: Sam, a happy-go-lucky dog, and Max, a loony rabbit, crack history's most unusual criminal cases in their own wacky way.

Comic Capers: This series is based on the "Sam & Max" comic books.

When: Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. EST on FOX

The Show: "Science Court"



The 411: Judge Stone presides over a courtroom where lawyers present evidence to prove scientific mysteries—like dino extinction—in order to win their cases.

Laugh It Up: Comedian and "Rosie O'Donnell Show" correspondent Paula Poundstone provides the voice of Judge Stone.

When: Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. EST on ABC

The Show: "Silver Surfer"



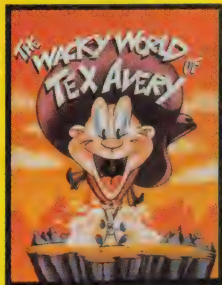
The 411: Norrin Radd offers to serve evil Galactus in exchange for his planet's safety. Then he changes his mind and must surf

the galaxy to find his home.

Evil Galactic Forces: On his ride, Norrin must face Galactus, alien races like the Kree and Skrull and the Cosmic Forces Eternity, Infinity and Lady Chaos.

When: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. EST on FOX

The Show: "The Wacky World of Tex Avery"



The 411: The loud, in-your-face host of "Tex Avery Theater" dumps whatever he can find into his crazy

cartoon machine to produce six cartoon shorts each week.

The Tex Truth: The shorts are all drawn in the exaggerated style of the late Daffy Duck animator Tex Avery.

When: Syndicated, check your local listings

Bobby's Back to School Survival

Bobby Hill, the laid-back 12-year-old on TV's "King of the Hill," tells you how to rule when going back to school.



Guide

By Bobby Hill



Cousin Luanne, mom Peggy, and dad Hank cook up some trouble with our hero.

Ready-Made Excuses

Stuck in a situation? Bobby offers up great excuses to get you unstuck in a sec!

Problem: Didn't do homework

Excuse: "My dog ate it" is lame. Nowadays, you gotta go high tech. Try "A computer virus ate it."

Problem: "F" on report card

Excuse: "Oh, no, that's not an 'F.' The teacher just sneezed when she was putting the other stroke on my 'A.' Besides, when am I gonna need English once I get out of school?"

Problem: Late for class

Excuse: "I'm sorry. I was outside the principal's office picketing for higher teacher salaries."

Problem: Bad note from teacher to your parents

Excuse: "This is not a real note. It's just a test of the Emergency Parent Warning System. You're supposed to sign it so the teacher knows you're prepared in the event of an actual problem."


Who is Bobby Hill?


Hi, my name is Bobby Hill. I live in Arlen, Texas, with my parents, Hank and Peggy Hill, and my cousin, Luanne Platter.

I am 12 years old and in the sixth grade, which means I've been in school for half my entire life. And I've got many more years to go.

My favorite movie is *Escape From Alcatraz*.

Winning Over Your Teacher

 My granddad, Cotton Hill, says this works every time: Go up to your teacher the first day of class, peel off a crisp, new \$100 bill and say, "Listen, Sweet Cheeks, play your cards right and this can all be yours." I don't know if he's right or not. But I know for sure it doesn't work if all you have is a dollar and your teacher is Mr. Johnson.

 Let your teacher catch you passing a note that says: "I think he/she is the nicest teacher I've ever had." Look embarrassed

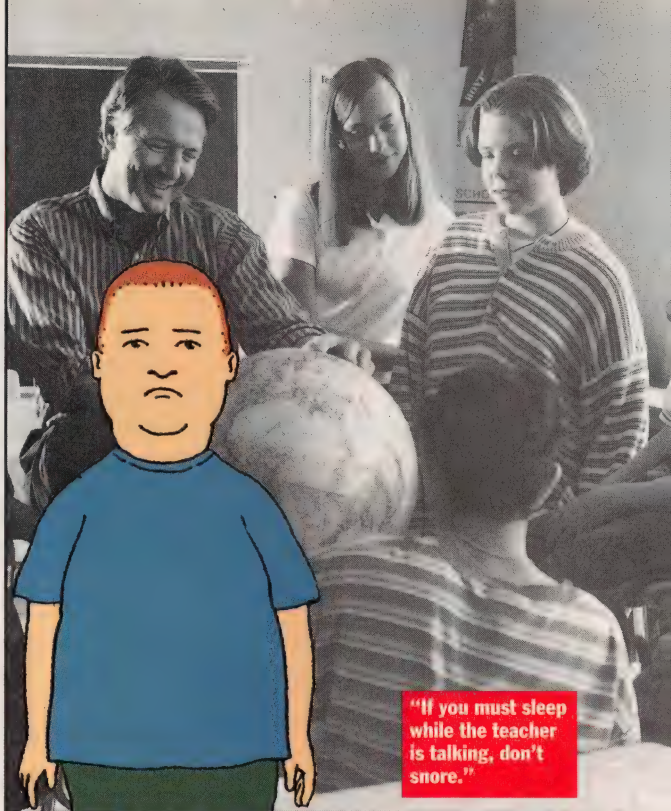
when you get caught.

But make sure you get caught, or you're in for some heavy explaining to your friends after class.

An Apple for the Teacher?

An apple is too obvious. I have found

fresh-cut flowers are the best gift, especially if your path to school takes you by a neighbor's garden or, even better, a cemetery. But check for a card—you don't want to give your teacher flowers with a note that says,





"If you must sleep while the teacher is talking, don't snore."

Where is Arlen, Texas?


Arlen is just a tiny dot on a map of Texas.


Interesting Facts About Arlen

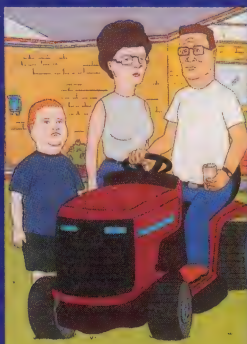
 Arlen has been voted "Best Place to Live in the U.S." for eight of the last 10 years by the Arlen City Council.

 The city's official motto is: "Where the Interstate Meets the Beltway!"

Interesting Facts About Texas

 It's the second biggest state in the union. The only state bigger is West Texas.

 The state flower is not the yellow rose. And the state song is not "The Yellow Rose of Texas." Go figure.



"I will be counting the days until we meet again in heaven."

Gifts Not to Give Your Teacher

✎ Mouthwash, deodorant, wrinkle cream, wart cream, hair restorer or mustache wax.

✎ Any snake, bug, lizard or other excellent pet your mother won't let you keep.

✎ A Thigh Master.

What to Wear on the First Day

First of all, any look that doesn't get you beat up should be considered a fashion success. I go with the classic, understated coolness of a T-shirt and baggy shorts, but this may not work for you. What you want to do is shoot for that zone between "My mother made me wear this" and "My mother let me wear this."

Can't get out of wearing a dorky outfit? Just remember this: Half the kids in school are gonna be walking around the first day in stupid clothes their mothers made them wear, so you won't be alone. Good luck.

How to Survive the Cafeteria

Compliments for the Kitchen Staff

✎ "Is that a new hairnet?"

✎ "How do you stay so trim with all this delicious food around?" (Works best when you're addressing someone under 600 pounds.)

Things Not to Say

✎ "Is nose hair considered one of the basic food groups?"

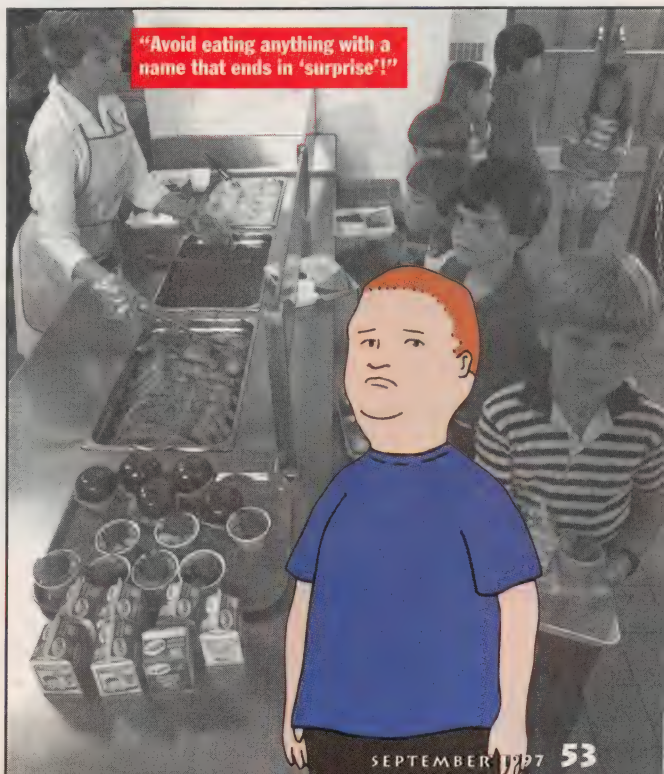
✎ "Exactly which part of a fish is 'the stick'?"

✎ Four words: "insect parts per million."

Things Not to Eat

✎ Anything in the shape of a scooped ball that's not ice cream.

✎ Any dessert where they tell you to "watch for bones." ■



Class Acts

By Kim Lockhart,
Christina Van Arsdale
and Craig Warner

Today's young stars have acting like students down to a science! Here's the scoop on their real-life school days.

The Grossest School Lunch I Ever Saw

"Mashed potatoes with fluorescent yellow gravy and little pieces of fake turkey in it."

—**Daniella Deutscher**
(Julie on "Hang Time")

"My grade school had the strangest-looking tapioca pudding."

—**Richard Lee Jackson**
(Ryan on "Saved by the Bell: The New Class")

"The chicken...it's sooooo greasy!"

—**Tahj Mowry** (T.J. on "Smart Guy")

"Once I saw black macaroni and cheese. Luckily, my mom packed me lunch that day."

—**David Gallagher**
(Simon on "7th Heaven")

"Sloppy joes!"

—**Curtis Williams Jr.**
(Nicholas on "The Parent 'Hood")

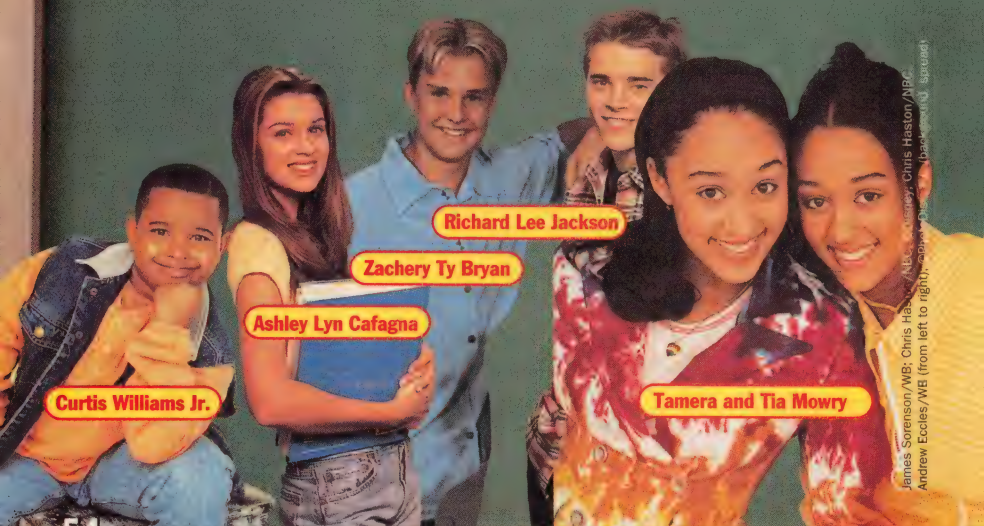
The Weirdest Thing I've Worn to School

"In third grade, I wore corduroy pants and rolled my left pant leg up over my calf. I thought I was the coolest!"

—**Zachery Ty Bryan** (Brad on "Home Improvement")

"It was 'Tacky Day' so I scraped up anything I could find that didn't match."

—**Beverley Mitchell**
(Lucy on "7th Heaven")



James Sorenson/NBC, Chris Hanson/NBC, Andrew Eccles/ABC (from left to right): Curtis Williams Jr., Ashley Lyn Cafagna, Richard Lee Jackson, Zachery Ty Bryan, Tamera and Tia Mowry

"One year, I dressed as a bum for Halloween. They didn't know it was me and tried to kick me off the school grounds."

—Samantha Becker
(Maria on "Saved by the
Bell: The New Class")

"For Halloween, I dressed as a scuba diver. I made believe I was underwater all day and my teachers got upset when I wouldn't take the regulator out of my mouth to answer questions."

—Chad Gabriel
(Danny on "Hang Time")

Memorable School Projects

"My most challenging project was drawing a self-portrait. I love art, but I'm terrible at it. I've drawn two self-portraits, and believe me, they don't look anything like me!"

—Ashley Lyn Cafagna
(Liz on "Saved by the Bell:
The New Class")

—Tia Mowry
(Tia on "Sister, Sister")

"I chewed a lot of bubble gum to find out how much sugar was in each pack."

—Lindsay Ridgeway
(Morgan on "Boy
Meets World")

"In science lab, I dissected a squid—so cool, but soooo stinky! I spent the afternoon letting people smell my hands."

—Mackenzie Rosman
(Ruthie on "7th Heaven")

"My favorite project was an electronic game show I created to teach vocabulary."



The Cast of "Hang Time"

All-Star Students

Take heart back-to-schoolers—even today's top stars had to suffer through science! Some of them loved school and others couldn't wait to escape.

Jim Carrey escaped to dreamland. His dad lost his job and Jim had to work nights as a janitor during high school. "I slept in class because I was working in the factory for eight hours after school," he says. "I didn't have any friends."

Friends weren't a problem for other celebrities-to-be. **Rosie O'Donnell's** classmates voted her senior class president and prom queen. **Sandra Bullock's** named her "Most Likely to Brighten Your Day." **Tom Cruise** joined the wrestling team to fit in. And **Tom Hanks** got involved in high school drama productions to get over his shyness.

Then there's **Will Smith**. He charmed his

way out of trouble so many times, his teachers nicknamed him "The Prince." (He added the "Fresh" part later.) But he didn't goof off when it came to schoolwork—he did so well, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology offered him a scholarship! But he turned it down to go to Hollywood, just like **Brad Pitt**, who only needs two credits to get his diploma from the University of Missouri.



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Mysterious Places

THE **adventure**
FILES

Stone giants walk the earth. Airplanes and ships vanish into thin air. A city disappears. Astronomers find a human face on Mars. Can the bizarre events that occur in mysterious places be explained by science? Or are they beyond our understanding? You decide as we travel to the land of the weird.

By Bob Daily

How did these huge statues make their way to the Easter Island coastline?

Strange Sites

Talk about weird vibes. These peculiar places offer plenty of far-out stories.

Machu Picchu

The place: Machu Picchu, an ancient city nestled high up in the Andes mountains of Peru.

The mystery: When outsiders discovered the “lost” city in 1911, it had been abandoned for several hundred years—for no apparent reason.

Possible explanation: To this day, nobody knows why the people of Machu Picchu disappeared. Many archeologists think the city was actually a religious sanctuary that was abandoned when the Incas lost power.

The ancient Incas definitely thought Machu Picchu held magical powers. A high priest would mark the winter solstice by symbolically “tying” the sun to a huge stone altar to ensure its return in the spring.

The Bermuda Triangle

The place: Draw a line from the bottom of Florida to Puerto Rico to Bermuda. That’s your “Devil’s Triangle.”

The mystery: Planes and ships go in, but they don’t come out. In the past 150 years, more than 40 boats, 20 planes and nearly 1,000 people have vanished in the area without leaving a trace.

Possible explanation: Lots of kooky theories—from sea monsters to time warps—exist. One book suggested that an undersea pyramid releases electromagnetic forces that cause objects to disintegrate!

Scientists say that the disappearances are just coincidence. But they do agree that magnetic forces cause compasses to behave strangely, sending ships and planes way off course.

Easter Island

The place: Easter Island, a lonely dot in the Pacific Ocean. More than 200 stone statues, called *moai*, line the coastline. Cut from volcanic rock about a thousand years ago, these gigantic figures depict men with huge noses, flat necks and (judging from their expressions) bad attitudes.

The mystery: The moai stand 12 to 37 feet tall and weigh up to 82 tons! How could primitive men have wrestled these giants into their present positions? The statues had to travel as far as six miles from the quarry where they were carved. And the ancient islanders had no wheels or horses.



Possible explanation: In the 1960s a popular writer named Erich Von Daniken claimed that intelligent aliens created the Easter Island statues and moved them with an antigravitational device.

A more believable theory says the people of Easter Island used wooden rollers, fiber rope and tons of muscle power to move the moai.

Easter Islanders say it's no mystery—the giants walked by themselves!

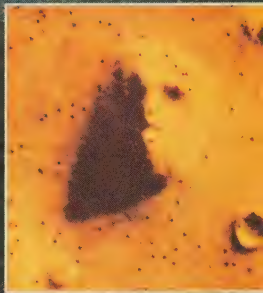
The Face on Mars

The place: Mars, the fourth planet from the sun and Earth's closest neighbor.

The mystery: In 1975, two NASA Viking spacecraft sent to Mars photographed the planet's surface. A year later one of the ships sent back a curious picture of what appears to be a human face! This figure is nearly a mile long and 437 yards high—as tall as New York's World Trade Center. Several pyramid-shaped objects and something that looks like a city are located near the "face."

Possible explanation: NASA dismisses the face on Mars as a "trick of light and shadow." Besides, say skeptics, if you look hard enough you can see a face in a cloud, a potato chip—just about anything.

But true believers say it's hard to imagine that such a clearly human form could occur by accident. They think the face proves that we are not alone, and that at some point intelligent beings lived on Mars.



Map of the

**Looking for
mystery? You
might find it
in your own
backyard.**



Chaco Canyon, New Mexico.

More than 800 years ago, Native Americans known as the Anasazi built a network of roads that ran straight as an arrow. Nobody knows

why people without horses or cars would want so many routes, but archeologists believe the roads had spiritual significance. And maybe not just for the Anasazi: UFO researchers think the area is a popular site for extraterrestrials.



Cahokia Mounds, Illinois.

Native Americans moved a lot of dirt—22 million cubic feet—to build Monks Mound. It stands more than 100 feet high and covers

14 acres! Made about a thousand years ago, the mound was probably used for religious rituals.



Mystery Hill, New Hampshire.

Who hauled the huge granite rocks to build the 22 cavelike structures that stand here? Some say it was the Vikings. Some

think it was Irish monks who crossed the Atlantic hundreds of years before



Columbus. Others say it was just a 19th-century American farmer with a lot of time on his hands.



Monument Valley, Utah.

Pueblo Indians lived here more than 700 years ago—then they vanished without a trace. Some people think their spirits live on inside

the Sacred Rocks. Eroded by centuries of wind, the rocks resemble human faces. One rock formation, called the “totem pole,” casts a shadow 35 miles long!

Mysterious



"antigravitational electromagnetic force field." That's a fancy way of saying gravity is reduced here—so a broom can balance on its bristles for hours at a time.



Pine Bush, New York. So many UFO sightings are reported here that a support hot line was set up. Geologists believe the shifting granite bedrock of the Hudson Valley creates energy sparks that cause strange lights. Or maybe aliens just like the scenic countryside.



Marfa, Texas. The Marfa Lights baffle everybody. The mysterious nighttime flashes appear to come from the Chinati Mountains, about 50 miles to the south. Legends about lost lovers and murderous bandits abound. Scientific theories range from electrostatic charges in the atmosphere to chemicals left by the U.S. Army during World War II.



Casa Grande Ruins, Arizona. Archeologists discovered ancient drawings of a circular maze near a Hohokam Indian village. The same pattern has been found in Ireland, England, Italy and Greece. Who made the drawings—and why?



Green Ridge State Forest, Flintstone, Maryland. Some people think the 200 circles of stones sitting on the western slope of Polish Mountain are the remains

of Indian sweat lodges or Civil War foxholes. Or maybe the flat rock mounds protected newly planted fruit trees. Hikers who stumble across the rocks will scratch more than their heads. This place is crawling with poison ivy!



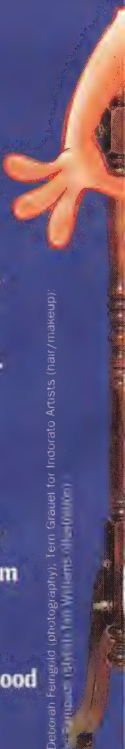
The Oregon Vortex, Gold Hill, Oregon. The forces of nature have gone haywire at this freaky mystery spot, which scientists describe as an

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QUIZ

IS YO CART

Sometimes life gets so weird, you need a reality check. If you think your life is wacked, take our quiz. Check the statements below that apply to you, then consult the answer guide to find out if you live in the real world or Toontown.

- ☐ 1. You and your friends constantly pound each other with oversize objects—but you never really get hurt.
- ☐ 2. An unusual number of your friends and relatives are bug-eyed.
- ☐ 3. You regularly suspend the laws of gravity.
- ☐ 4. You have wacky friends who always get you into trouble.
- ☐ 5. Everything you own is made by Acme.
- ☐ 6. Your neighbor doesn't own a cat—he is a cat.
- ☐ 7. When you start to run, your legs spin like wheels for several seconds before you actually move.
- ☐ 8. If you dig a hole in your backyard, you end up in China.
- ☐ 9. Your brother is bratty, your dad will eat anything and your mom has blue hair.
- ☐ 10. The dogs in your neighborhood talk, walk upright and drive cars.



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By Deborah Barnes

IS YOUR LIFE A BOON?



ANSWER GUIDE

If you checked four or fewer boxes, relax—your world is all too real. If you checked five to seven, your life is weird but not cartoonish. If you checked eight to ten boxes, we'll look for you on Saturday-morning TV.

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Will you still
love him
when there's more
of him to love?



3 months



3 years

Remember, owning a dog is
a lifetime commitment.

Puppies are adorable and irresistible, but before you follow the impulse to bring one home ask yourself if you're ready for the responsibility.

As your puppy grows into a dog you'll have to take care of his feeding, grooming and health care, as well as all the financial bills – for the rest of his life.

So think before you add a puppy to your family. It's important to use your head before you lose your heart.

For a free AKC Dog Buyers' Education Packet write to The American Kennel Club, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.



A Message From The American Kennel Club

Reading, Writing and Rubbing Out Aliens

Some California students turned their classroom into a video game lab. Homework was never so fun!

"Attention, class. Today we're discussing Nintendo 64."

Students in Ed Magnin's video game class had to work really hard. Honest.

It took all school year—and even

many hours over the summer—

but these California teens finally achieved their mission: They developed a PC-based game.

In the game, aliens attack Carlsbad High School. In the classroom, students faced a different challenge: Getting everyone to agree on what the game should look like.

What lessons did they learn

from the experience? Take a look:

Best Insider's Trick: Use a "game engine"—a program you can customize to create your own game. Why re-invent the wheel?

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Can these game makers save their school from invasion?



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Do the hero thing.

Disney's **HERCULES** Action Game

Explore three worlds of 3-D gameplay right out of Disney's Hercules movie – with the original cast, sound effects and music. Mangle monsters like Hydra and the Cyclops. Terminate the Titans. Save Thebes from a hostile takeover. Hey, this game can make you immortal!

Survive the Hero Training Gauntlet.



Protect Mr. Olympus from a fire-breathing Titan attack.



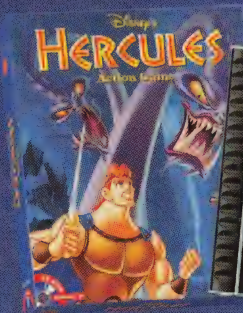
Watch out for snake-headed Medusa and her flaming Venom Spit.



Defeat your enemies with your Power Sword.



Download a FREE demo at
www.disneyinteractive.com
or
www.vie.com/hercules



Available for Windows 95 CD-ROM and the Playstation game console.

The Hardest Part: "If you can't get all the pieces to work together—the music, sound effects, art, the engine—all you have is an unfinished puzzle," says Joseph Spirito, 18.

The Coolest Part: Field trips to see the pros work. "We made friends and future contacts," says Jared Ritter, 16.

Why It's Not a Job for Wimps: "Completing a game from scratch takes an incredible amount of dedication," says Sean Soper, 18. "There were

several people who dropped out."

The Payback: When you solve a problem that's been bugging you, it's worth all the hard work. "After I've created music and it's good, I get a big smile," says Jesse Wooton, 18. "It's great to accomplish something."

To learn more about the project, check out the students' Web site (<http://members.aol.com/chsvgp>). It's cool!
—Gina Pera

Quit Hoggin' That Joystick!

Pigs playing video games? Stop snorting—it's true!

"Pigs are extremely smart," says Penn State University professor Stanley Curtis. To test their skills, Curtis set up a gaming PC in his lab and recruited two "guinea pig" pigs: Hamlet and Omelette.

With snout on joystick, the animals quickly learned to control the cursor and place it on a target. (M&M rewards helped!)

OK, so it's not a tough game. Still, the pigs caught on as fast as

chimpanzees. The big difference: "Hamlet and Omelette often quit after 15 minutes," says Curtis. "Chimps play for hours."

Are you a chimp or a pig?



This pig uses a special joystick to have a swine time.

Cool Web Site

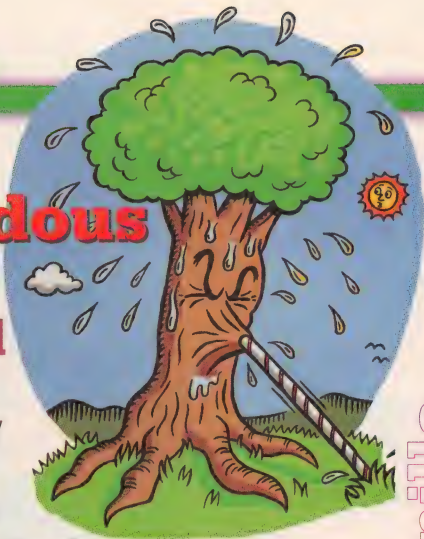
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**Weird
yet TRUE**

Tree-mendous Humidifier

The average **redwood tree** releases **500 gallons** of **moisture** a day into the **atmosphere** after sucking **water** up its **trunk**. Talk about a **big** straw!



An Out of This World Greeting

In **Vulcan, Alberta, Canada**, the town's welcome sign is written in both **English** and **Klingon**, an alien language on "**Star Trek.**" (Vulcan was the fictional planet that Mr. Spock came from.)

—Column by Sheila De La Rosa



One third of all ice cream

sold in the U.S. is vanilla.

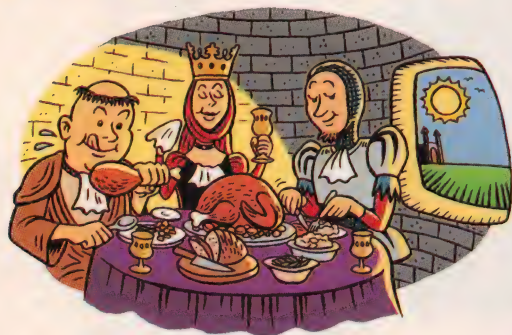
Ward Sutton (illustrations pages 69-70)

Destination Unknown

The **U.S. Postal Service** ends up with **10 million** pieces of **undeliverable mail** each year because the **addresses** are **unreadable**.



"Cereal, Oatmeal or Boar's Head?"



During the **Middle Ages**, most people ate **dinner**—their **big** meal of the day—at **10 o'clock** in the **morning!**

record is 45 seconds.

The longest rooster crow on

ESPN

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**Green Bay's Edgar Bennett
leads the Pack attack.**



SEASON Standouts

If you're scoping for greatness on the gridiron in 1997, keep one eye on these players—and one eye on the record books.

By Deborah Barnes and Sean Plottner



Brett Favre

SURE Things

These guys are always great—why should this season be any different?

Brett Favre, *quarterback*, Green Bay Packers. Can he do it again? Those who doubted Brett last year watched him go on to win his second MVP award—and the Super Bowl. Even when the Packers lose, Brett's grittiness always makes him a winner.

Herman Moore, *wide receiver*, Detroit Lions. He's usually right behind the legendary Jerry Rice in the reception race. Look for this acrobatic good-hands guy to step to the front of the line this season.

PRIME Timers

This should be their season to shine.

Terrell Davis, *running back*, Denver Broncos. As a rookie in 1995 he racked up more than 1,000 yards. Last season he led his conference in rushing, finishing second to Barry Sanders in total NFL yardage. We can't wait to see what this slippery scorer does as a seasoned veteran!

Steve McNair, *quarterback*, Tennessee (formerly Houston) Oilers. His coaches have brought him along slowly instead of throwing him in with the



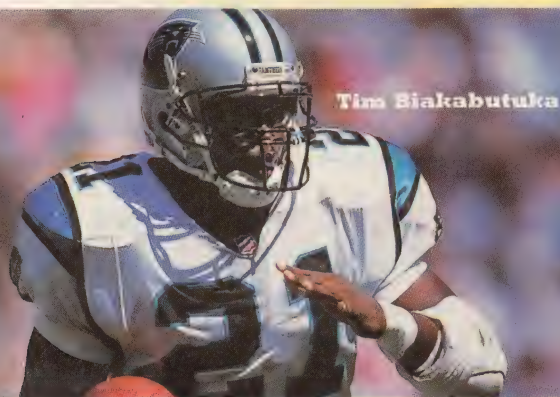
Terrell Davis

HOT Dates

- Aug. 31: Regular season opens.
- Oct. 7: Trading deadline.
- Dec. 22: Regular season ends.
- Dec. 27-28: Wild Card playoffs.
- Jan. 3-4, 1998: Divisional playoffs.
- Jan. 11: Conference championships.
- Jan. 25: Super Bowl XXXII, San Diego.

big guys too early. That should pay off this season, when McNair becomes the starter. **Zach Thomas**, *linebacker*, Miami Dolphins. He's not the biggest, fastest or flashiest. But this defensive kamikaze was the surprise of last season.

Cris Carter, *wide receiver*, Minnesota Vikings. The facts: He's a record-breaking receiver. He gets better every year. And the Vikes love to throw the ball. What do you think?



Tim Biakabutuka

Tim Biakabutuka, *running back*, Carolina Panthers. An injury last year kept him from playing a big role in the Panthers' Cinderella season. So expect this blazing back to enter training camp on a mission.

ROOKIE Watch

It's their first pro season, but look for these rookies to strut their stuff.

Orlando Pace, *offensive tackle*, St. Louis Rams. A ton of blocking fun, Orlando weighs 325-plus pounds! Good thing, too. As the No. 1 draft pick, he has a lot riding on his massive shoulders.

Warrick Dunn, *running back*, Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He's quick and talented, but his great desire and extra effort really fuel his success.

Shawn Springs, *cornerback*, Seattle Seahawks. Could this sneaky pickpocket be the new Deion Sanders? We think so!

NEW Fall Fashions

Some old NFL teams are taking on a new look this season.

Miami has spruced up the dolphin that appears on its helmet, while the Cincinnati Bengals



have added a tiger to their jerseys and switched from orange socks to black. In Denver, new uniforms



feature blue jerseys and a fiercer-looking bronco; this team obviously doesn't plan to horse around!

And in Tampa Bay, the Buccaneers have said goodbye to their bright



orange look in favor of red, black and white—and a skull-and-swords pirate flag logo. Perhaps this will inspire the Bucs to play a meaner game!



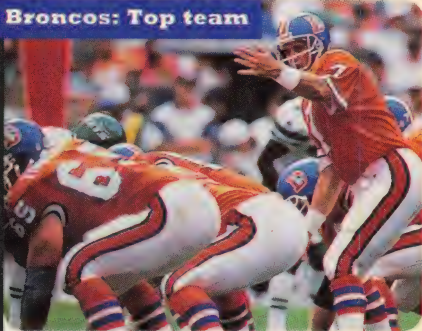
Champs and Chumps of '97

We might be more psycho than psychic, but we do have a few picks for the '97 season. Hang on as we make our bold predictions.

BEST of the Bunch

1. Denver Broncos. Their loss in the playoffs last year after posting the best record in the AFC proved once again the Broncos are the unluckiest team in the NFL. But veteran QB John Elway will bust a gut going for what is probably his last chance at a Super Bowl win. Our guess: He'll finally get it.

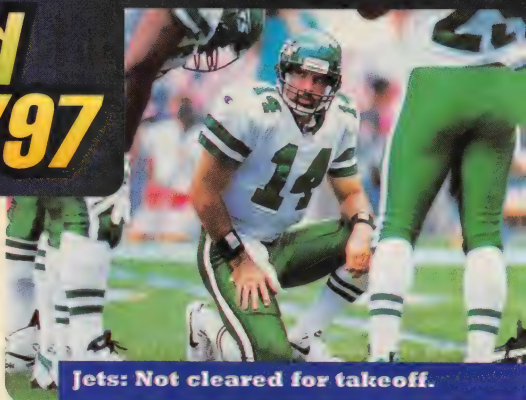
Broncos: Top team



2. Green Bay Packers. Duh, they're only the World Champs. But you know how hard it is for a team to repeat, no matter how great they are.

3. Carolina Panthers. Yep, the Cinderella Panthers, a game away from the Super Bowl last year, might be for real. We'll find out when they play this season's tougher schedule.

SEASON SURPRISE: Seattle Seahawks. We're not kidding. The sad Seahawks



Jets: Not cleared for takeoff.

have finally turned some sweet draft picks into a talented team. They may actually be in the hunt this year.

BOTTOM of the Heap

Don't count on any of these guys making the Super Bowl soon.

1. Atlanta Falcons. The Falcons hope to improve on last season's 3-13 record, but something about their game isn't quite there yet...oh, yeah: passing, catching, running and blocking.

2. New York Jets. Anybody can pick on a team that won just one game last season. And we're not different! Still, the Jets' new coach could lead them out of the cellar.

3. Arizona Cardinals. What's up with the Red Birds? No matter how many times they change cities, coaches and players, the Cards *always* stink.

William R. Salaz/Duomo (top & bottom)

Who'll Win the Big Game?

Which team do you think will win the Super Bowl? Write and tell us what you think, and we'll print the results. Send to: D.A. Super Bowl Pick, 114 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

Brett Favre Says,

"Football is the Greatest Game in **History**, and **Math**, and **Science**."

Take it from the NFL's two-time MVP, there's no better way to get geared up for class and the new season than with NFL notebooks, backpacks, jerseys, and trading cards.

According to the Super Bowl superstar,
"It's the perfect way to RING in the new year!"

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Natural Born Thriller



Ken Griffey Jr.'s nickname may be "Junior," but there's nothing Little League about the way he swings for the fences!

Slugging Seattle Mariner outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. was born to play baseball. After all, his all-star dad, Ken Griffey Sr., played for the Cincinnati Reds. Junior took some time out from chasing the single-season home run record to share his secrets.

On His First Home Run: "It was in Little League, and I threw my hands up in the air to celebrate as I circled the bases. As soon as I touched home plate, my dad called me over. He told me we don't do that because it makes the pitcher feel worse than he already does. Now when I hit a home run I just run around the bases and get back to the dugout."

On His Favorite Stadium: "Any stadium I hit a home run in."

"I grew up with the game and I enjoy playing it every day," says Junior. "It's not a job to me, because it's so much fun. I can't imagine doing anything else."

On Goofing Off: "One day I bet my manager, Lou Piniella, that I'd hit a ball out of the ballpark. The loser had to buy the winner a steak dinner. I lost. So I bought a 1,200-pound live cow and left it for Lou in his office!"

On His Most Embarrassing At-Bat: "I once hit myself with foul balls three times. Once below the belt, once in the shin and once on the foot. The guys on the bench couldn't stop laughing."

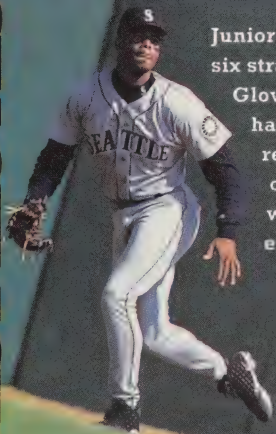


On His Hobbies: "I golf and fish. And play video games."

On His Biggest Baseball Thrill: "Playing with my dad in the same outfield with the Mariners in 1990. No father and son had ever done that before."

—David Azevedo

BEST MOVES



Junior has won six straight Gold Gloves and once handled a record 573 chances without an error.

Ken's Outfielding Tips



"Before the pitch, always be in a ready position, on your toes with your knees bent. The ball's path will tell you where it's going. If you can see a line drive below the rim of your cap, charge it. If it's a pop-up, freeze for a moment until you're sure where it's going."



"If a ball is hit over your head, turn and run back, keeping your body low until you gain speed. When you get near the wall, look for the warning track. Before each game I measure how many steps I can take on the track before I get to the fence. That way I know exactly when I need to jump when I'm chasing a fly ball."



"When you're charging a grounder to make a throw, line yourself up so you're moving directly toward the target. Don't throw as hard as you can, because your accuracy will go down. You need to stay in control. Keep the throw low and hit the cutoff man in case he can throw out another runner."

Off-the-Field Action

Cool new football stuff for kids!

Trading Places

How'd you like to switch places with your favorite pro player? That's what happens in the new **NFL Monday Night Football Club** series of books from Hyperion Books for Children. A magic jersey gives kids a chance to spend a day in the body of an NFL pro! The first two titles, *Quarterback Exchange: I Was John Elway* and *Running Back Conversion: I Was Barry Sanders*, hit the shelves in September. Coming soon: books featuring Dan Marino, Junior Seau and Jerry Rice.



Kick to win!

You Can Be a Star

The NFL's Play Football campaign hosts all kinds of cool activities for kids, like **Punt, Pass & Kick** contests (now with girls' and boys' divisions). And new this year are **Starter Play Football Camps**, where kids can learn football skills from real players and coaches. To find out more about Play Football activities in your area, call 1-800-NFL-SNAP.

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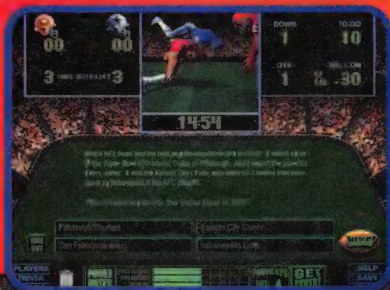
MNF '98 lets you coach a real team.

Play With All Your Rowdy Friends

ABC's Monday Night Football '98 (OverTime Sports) features Internet play that includes chat and spectator mode. You can download weekly stats so you're playing the most true-to-life teams possible, and you can choose from all NFL teams, players and coaching styles. (Windows 95)

CD-NFL

Two new versions of Sanctuary Woods CD-ROMs make football a learning experience. To play **NFL Math** (below) and **NFL Reading**, answer questions correctly and you gain yardage. Move down the field and score a touchdown using your brain power!



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Maze of Mystery



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CITY SMARTS

See if you can match each city listed in the middle column below with a clue from the left and a clue from the right.

OHIO CAPITAL

MADISON

OPPOSITE OF BIG BOULDER

ARIZONA CAPITAL

GOTHAM CITY

MYTHOLOGICAL FIREBIRD

NEBRASKA CAPITAL

COLUMBUS

4TH U.S. PRESIDENT: JAMES

WISCONSIN CAPITAL

CASPER

7TH U.S. PRESIDENT: ANDREW

MISSISSIPPI CAPITAL

PHOENIX

AN INDIAN VILLAGE

COLORADO CITY

LINCOLN

1ST U.S. PRESIDENT: GEORGE

WYOMING CITY

JACKSON

BATMAN'S HOME TURF

ARKANSAS CAPITAL

PUEBLO

FAMOUS CARTOON GHOST

NEW YORK CITY NICKNAME

WASHINGTON

16TH U.S. PRESIDENT: ABE

U.S. CAPITAL: _____, D.C.

LITTLE ROCK

15TH-CENTURY EXPLORER: CHRIS

Steve Shulwood

Eye Bogglers

Can you recognize these common items this close up? Try to figure out what they are, and put your answers in the boxes.



1



2



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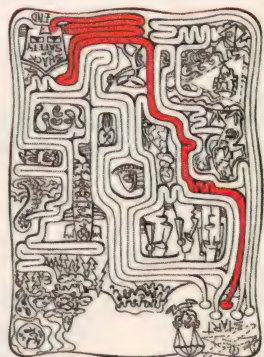
ANSWERS

1. Band-Aid 2. Zipper on jeans 3. Legos 4. Sunglasses

EYE BOGGLERS

- | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Wisconsin Capital | Madison | 4th U.S. President James |
| New York City Nickname | Gotham City | Batman's Home Turf |
| Ohio Capital | Columbus | 15th Century Explorer: Chris |
| Wyoming City | Casper | Famous Cartoon Ghost |
| Arizona Capital | Phoenix | Mythological Firebird |
| Nebraska Capital | Lincoln | 16th U.S. President: Abe |
| Mississippi Capital | Jackson | 7th U.S. President: Andrew |
| Colorado City | Pueblo | An Indian Village |
| U.S. Capital: D.C. | Washington | 1st U.S. President: George |
| Arkansas Capital | Little Rock | Opposite of Big Boulder |

CITY SMARTS



MAZE OF MYSTERY

COOL SCHOOL CONTEST RULES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

1. HOW TO ENTER: List on a separate sheet of paper one or more examples of how your school is cool in each of the following categories: a) People, b) Classes, c) Extracurricular and d) Spirit. Hand print full name and address (city, state or province and zip or mail code), daytime phone number with area code and birth date on the official entry form located on this page, or on a 3" x 5" card; staple the entry form or card to the left upper corner of the listing sheet and mail it, postage prepaid, to: Cool School Contest, DISNEY ADVENTURES, P.O. Box 865, New York, NY 10113-0865, postmarked by October 1, 1997.

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4. WINNER: Will be notified by mail after November 1, 1997. For the name of the winner (after November 1, 1997) and/or contest rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Rules/Winners, Cool School Contest, DISNEY ADVENTURES, 114 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011-5690. Washington and Vermont residents may omit the return postage.

5. PROCEDURES: Contest begins on August 26, 1997, and ends on October 1, 1997. On or about November 5, from all eligible entries received, winner will be selected by the judges on the basis of unique qualities and features that reflect a fun and exciting school atmosphere.

6. PRIZE: One (1) school will be selected from each state in the U.S. and from each province of Canada; and from those schools one school will be selected as The Coolest School in North America. The winning school will be considered to appear in a future issue of DISNEY ADVENTURES.

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COMICS ZONE



WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S COMICS ZONE

We think we've got a super-swell lineup this month.

"The X-Piles": In case you missed it, the Zone started a little early this month, back on page 32. Timon and Pumbaa become investigators of supernatural phenomena. Sound familiar?

"Doug's Tall Tale": Doug and Skeeter track the elusive Lucky Duck Monster. Does it really exist?

"That Good Ol' Gitchy Feeling": Fone and Phoney Bone try to adjust to life with Gran'ma Ben, but a missing pair of bloomers brings trouble.

It's all good! So just turn the page and enjoy.

Heidi

Let me know what you think about Comics Zone. Write to me:
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"DEAR JOURNAL,
SOMETIMES
YOU GET
YOURSELF IN
A HOLE. AND
INSTEAD OF
DIGGING
YOURSELF
OUT, YOU
JUST DIG
IN DEEPER!"



BRAND
SPANKING
NEW!

Doug's TALL TALE

CREATED BY JIM JINKINS

"NOT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED THERE
WAS A MONSTER IN LUCKY DUCK
LAKE, BUT SKEETER SURE DID."

I TELL YA, IT'S
THERE! IT'S JUST
HARD TO FIND!

THAT'S WHAT THEY
SAY ABOUT YOUR
BRAIN, TOO!



YOU BELIEVE THERE'S
A MONSTER, DON'T
YOU, DOUG?

WELL,
UH...



I KNEW YOU DID!
WE'LL SHOW 'EM! I'VE
GOT A PLAN!

HEY,
WHERE'D YOU
GET THE OLD
CAMERA?



THIS CAMERA
AND I GO WAY BACK!

"I ALMOST GOT A
PHOTO OF SANTA
WITH IT..."



"THE TOOTH
FAIRY..."

"... AND A UFO!"



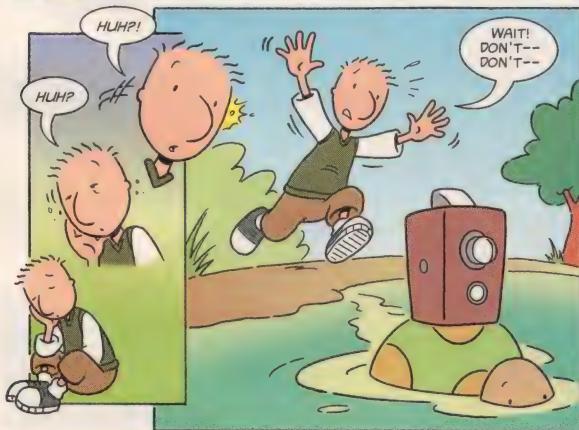
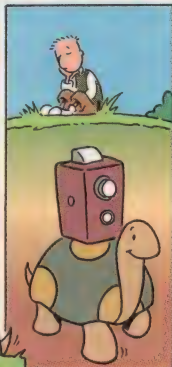
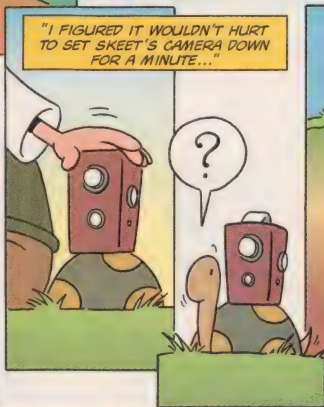
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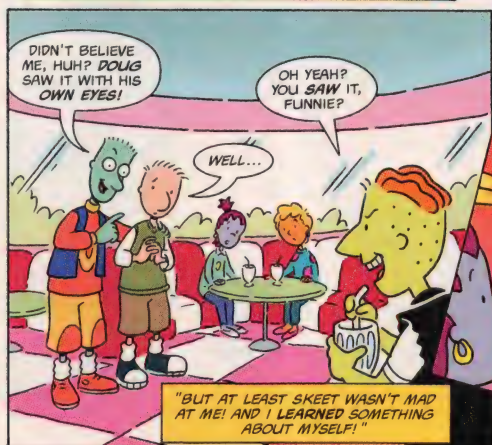
WHY
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"NEXT MORNING WE FOUND THE PERFECT SPOT FOR MONSTER-WATCHING AT LUCKY DUCK LAKE!"





"UNTIL MY STORY GOT TOO GOOD!"

THE MONSTER LOOMED CLOSER! CLOSER! I COULD FEEL ITS HOT MONSTER BREATH ON MY FACE!

NO WAY OUT! LEGS PARALYZED WITH FEAR! TOO SCARED TO YELL! CLOSER! CLOSER! AND THEN IT-- IT-- IT-- IT--

WHAT DID IT DO?!



IT SWALLOWED ME LIKE AN OLD PIECE OF GUM AND I WAS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN!

HUH?

OOPS!

I KNEW HE WAS FULL OF BALONEY!

BOY, WAS I TAKEN IN!

YEP! THEY ALWAYS BLOW UP IN YOUR FACE!



"WELL, I CAME CLEAN WITH SKEET, AND HE WAS REALLY COOL ABOUT IT!"

AND I'M SORRY ABOUT THE CAMERA! I'LL PAY YOU BACK!

IT WAS JUST A CHEAP THING!

AND IN A WAY, I'M GLAD YOU MADE UP THAT STORY!

YOU ARE?

YEAH! I DIDN'T MISS SEEING THE MONSTER AFTER ALL!

NEXT TIME, YOU SLEEP THE FIRST SHIFT!



END

BONE®

THAT GOOD OL'
GITCHY FEELING

BY JEFF
SMITH

LOST IN THE VALLEY,
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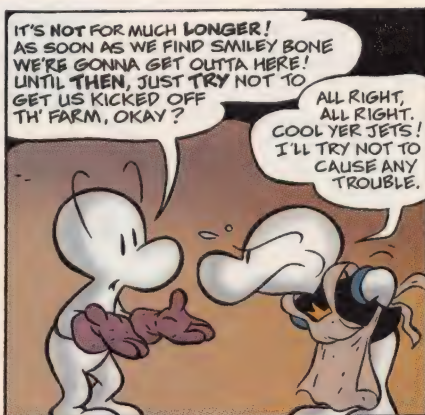
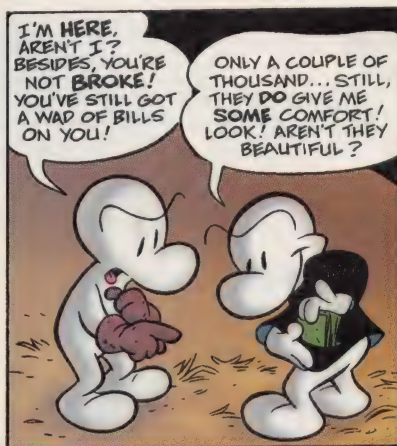
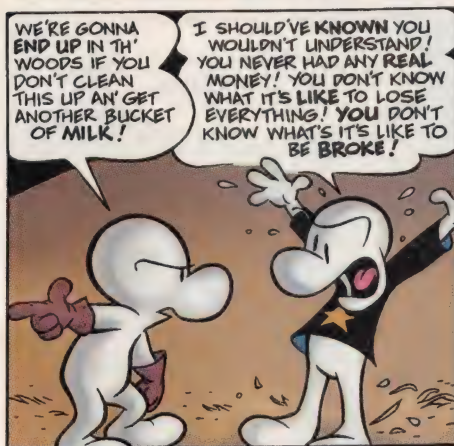
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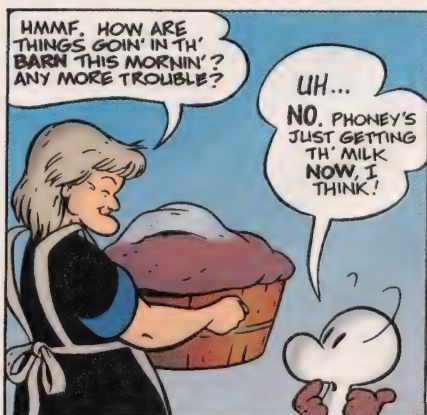
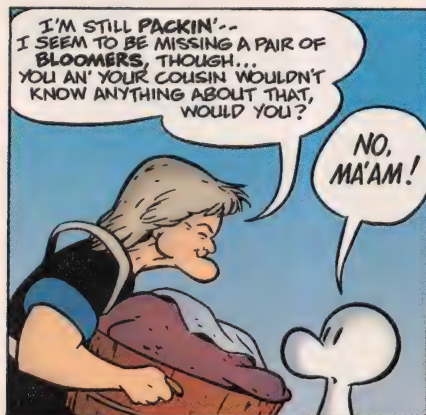
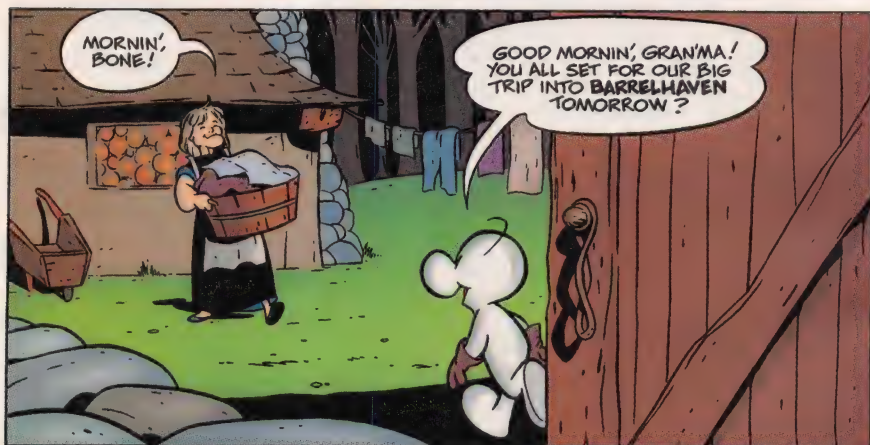
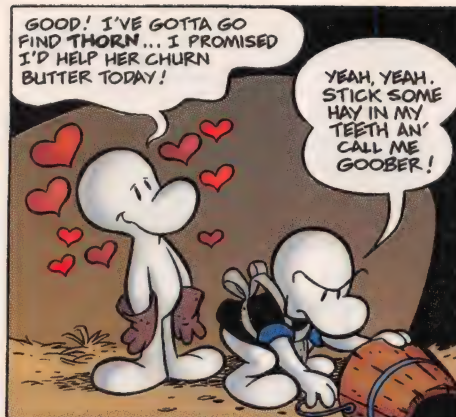
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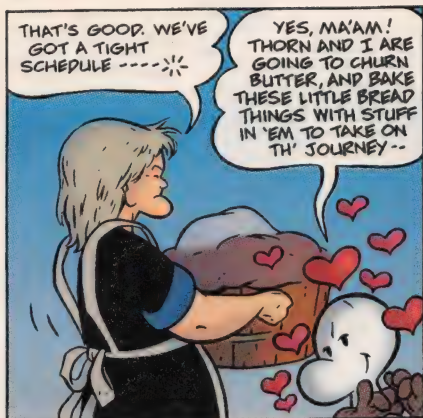
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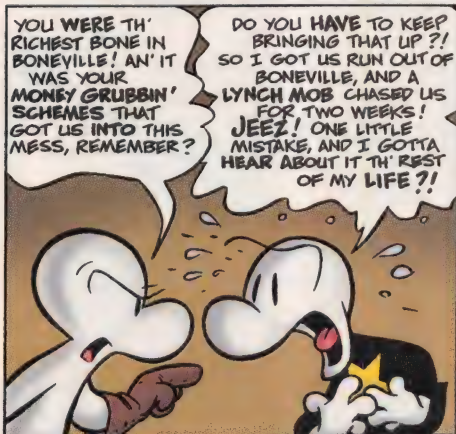
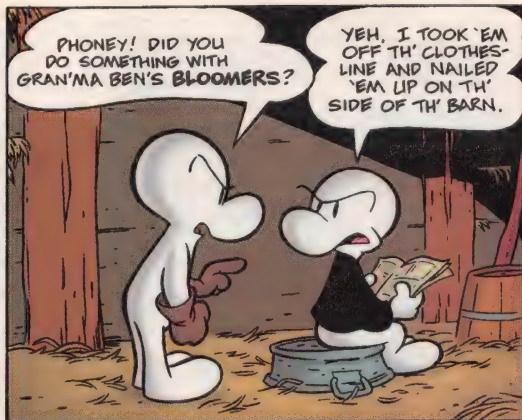
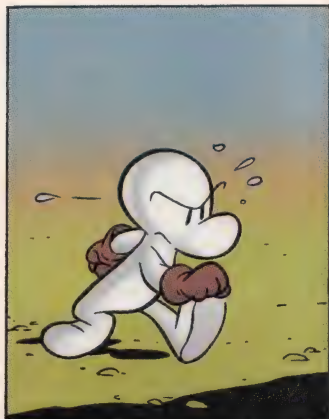
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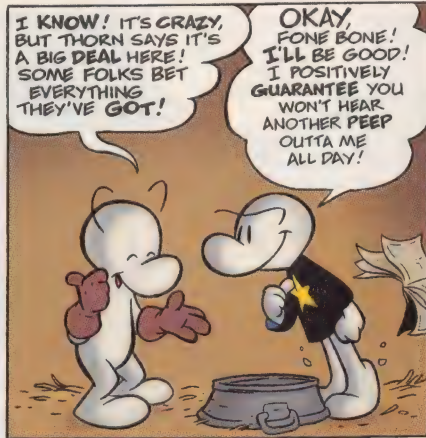
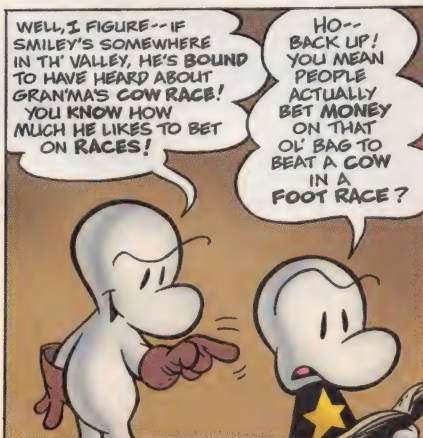
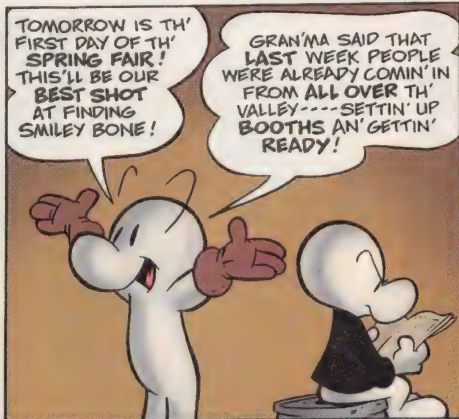
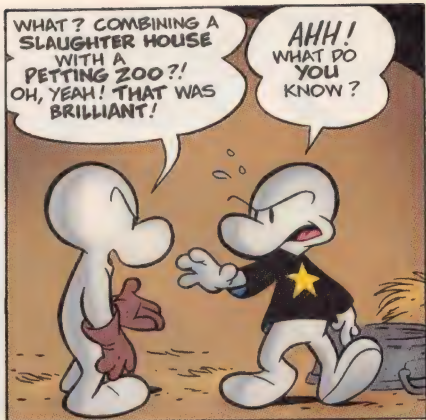
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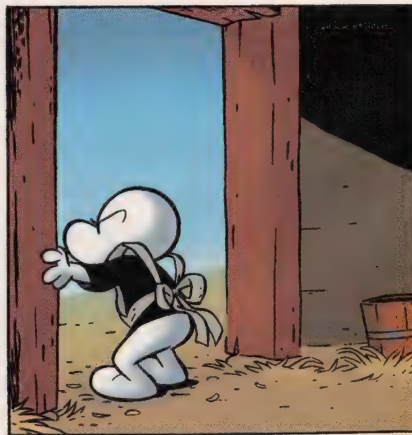
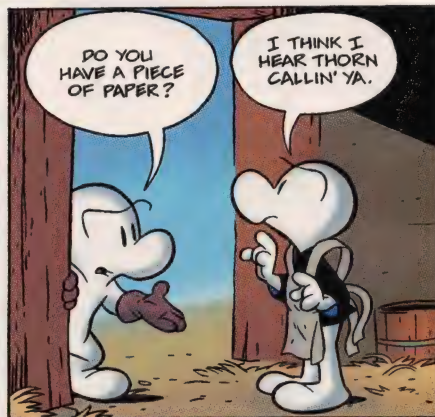
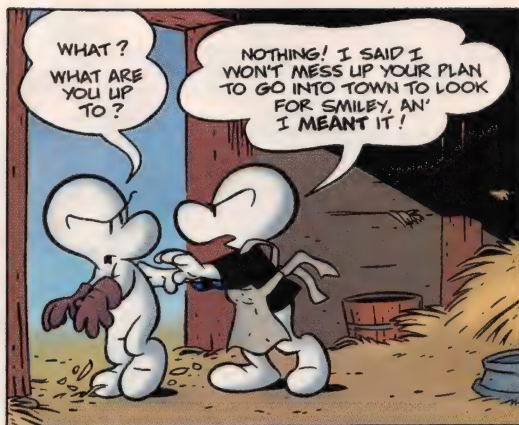


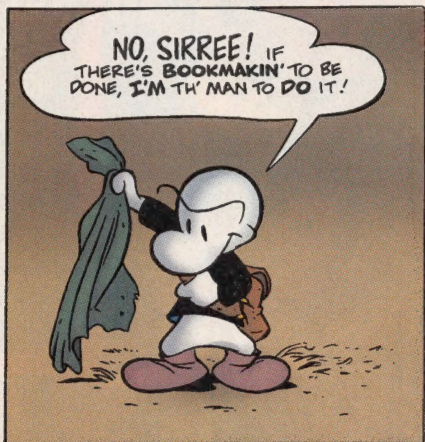
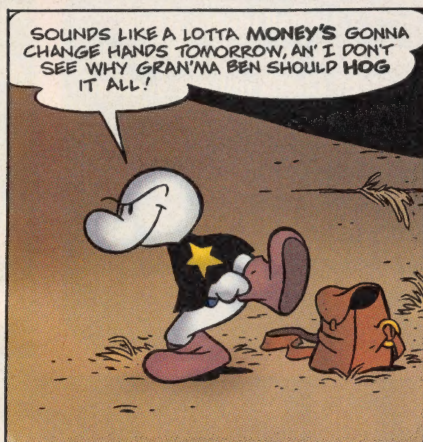
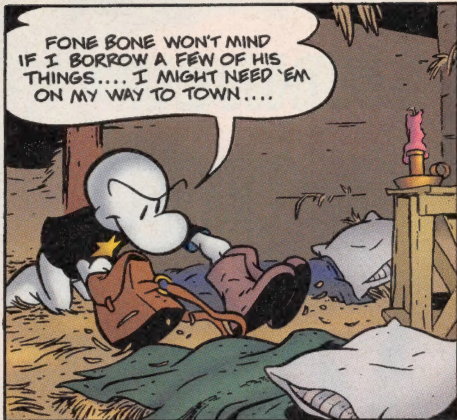












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**What makes NEW
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(fold B to A to find out)**

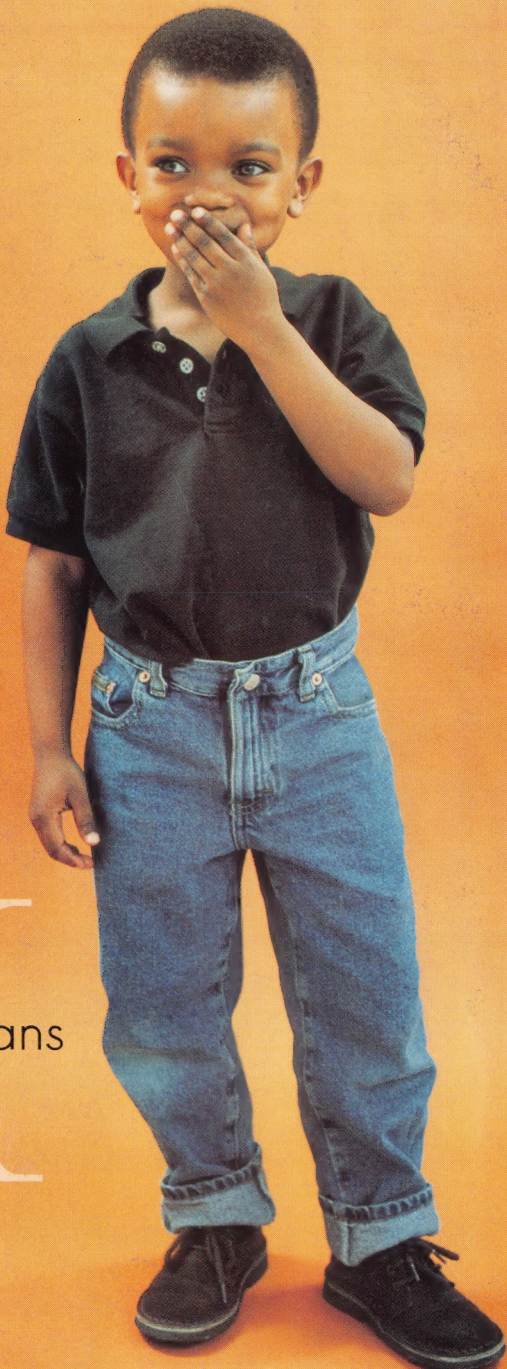
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A ▶

Hint: the answer is directly above.

B

A young boy with short dark hair is standing against a solid orange background. He is wearing a black short-sleeved polo shirt and light blue denim jeans with the cuffs rolled up. He is also wearing dark-colored sneakers. He has his right hand raised to his mouth, covering it, and is looking towards the camera with a slight smile.

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Kids